



ヴァル ハラの 晩ご飯

～メインディッシュ
ドラゴンと神殺しの主菜～



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Valhalla no Bangohan Volume 5 Prologue

アースガルド

神界での日常

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神界に来た

“煤け色のイノシシ”

セイ(イノシシ ver.)

Sæhrimnir

本作主人公。一日一回生き返れるという不思議な能力を持っている。その力の正体は、セイが“呪いの指輪”そのものであることの副産物だった。

ヴァルキューレ

温和で可憐な戦乙女の長女

ブリュンヒルデ

Brynhildr

ヴァルキューレ9姉妹の長女。強力な剣の使い手だが、性格は温和で誰にでも敬語で接する。呪いを解くべくセイに協力するが、同時に複雑な想いを抱えていて……？

神界のナンバー2

ロキ

Loki

主神オーディンに次ぐ力を持つ神で、魔術のスペシャリスト。セイと意気投合し、親友と呼べる仲になった。セイの呪いを解く術を探し、様々な思案を巡らす……？

イノシシのセイです！

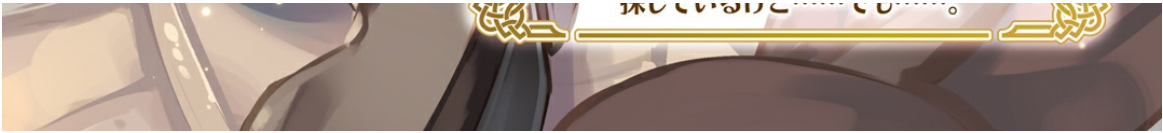
前回ボクの正体が、わかりました。

見たものの所有欲を刺激し、そして手にした者を殺す呪われし指輪“アンドヴァラナウト”……でした。

ブリュンヒルデさまとロキに協力してもらって

呪いをなんとかする方法を

探しています……でも……





Prologue

—The capital of the God Realm, ‘Asgard’ which gave off a radiant shine, the golden palace ‘Gladshheim’.

Inside of that palace, a hawk descended silently on the rooftop of the fifth building, ‘Valhalla’.

“Yo Sei, thanks for waiting.”

The descended hawk spoke in a familiar voice and covered itself from top to bottom by spreading its wings. In just a moment, its appearance changed into a human and the wings that was spread out changed into a black mantle which he wore on his neck.

Even though he was late, he showed a smile without any hesitation since he was the true number 2 in ‘Asgard’ and also my partner, the Trickster God, Loki.

“Come on, you’re late, Loki! It’s a bit odd on how you were always late, you did this on purpose so that you were able to say ‘Thanks for waiting.’?”

“Hey, are you telling me that you only notice it now?”

“Huh!? Did I just hit the jackpot!?”

I didn’t even realize it at all! If we accumulated all the time loss due to waiting, it’d be quite a lot, so I wished that you would stop being late on purpose...

“By the way, Loki. It’s a bit late for this but that mantle is quite useful.”

“Hm? Ah, the ‘hawk mantle’. He he, it’s nice isn’t it? As long as I have this, I am able to transform into a hawk without using my mana at all. Thus, it’s quite helpful.”

While saying that, Loki rubbed his cheek toward the mantle in a dearest manner. For god’s sake, he was so tiresome as always. Even without relying on

that item, you were able to do that with rune of mannaz in the first place since you were the number one runic magic user in the God Realm.

“I’m sorry~! I am late!”

In that moment, one more person descended on the rooftop of ‘Valhalla’, the person was the most beautiful lady that I had ever seen. The beautiful Valkyrie who wore a blue breastplate causing a feather storm with her white wings. She was—

“Brynhildr-sama! Good morning!”

“Good morning, Sei-san. Um... did I kept you waiting?”

“Not at all! I had just arrived!”

“Hey, what’s with the different treatment?”

Hmph, be quiet Loki. Wasn’t it a given? Since she was the person I was in loved with and you were just my partner.

...since we were partner, I should have treated you better right, okay then.

“By the way, Loki-sama, about that mantle you are rubbing with your cheek...”

“Tch, I understand. I need to return it back to Freya right? Your sister really does take after you since Gerhilde told me the same thing sometime back.”

“Ah, it seems that Gerhilde had advised you already. Since that is the case, can I ask you to return it immediately?”

“I understand, I will do that someday.”

Ah, judging from that reply, it meant that he would still hold on to it for a while.

Well, it wasn’t like I didn’t know how he felt. After all, that mantle was a personal belonging of the Super Beauty Idol Goddess, Freya-sama isn’t it? It was not easy to let go of that since it was an item that all her fans were dying for.

If it was possible, I would like become one of her personal belonging instead. I was sure that Loki felt the same way too right? I understood it too.

“Sei, what is up with you since you are looking at me as if we are peas of a pod? Well, putting that aside, it’s time for the usual but... Sei and Brynhildr. You

were not followed right?”

“Yes, as you can see.”

“I also managed to escape. Since I flew over here in high speed after I transformed into ‘Gullinkambi’ while I was jogging.”

Even though Gullinkambi, the black rooster, looked chubby, he was unexpectedly fast and also quite delicious. Other than dinner time, he was also quite useful for covert operation, thus this made him quite useful in various ways.

So, why were we hiding from ourselves from others in the first place? It was all because of the regular that Loki mentioned— which was to discuss about the ‘curse that kills its owner’ that was cast on me.

Around four weeks ago, my true identity was revealed and... it seemed that I was the magic ring, ‘Andvaranaut’ that was created by the dwarf, ‘Andvari’ who bore a grudge against the gods.

A few hundred years ago, due to some reason, the ring was taken away from him. At that time, he cast a curse to the ring that would kill its owner. After that, the ring was once again returned back to him but... without dispelling the sinister curse, he transformed the ring into me, a boar and wiped off my memory before sending me to the God Realm ‘Asgard’. So that I’d be owned by the Chief God, Odin-sama as he had predicted that there would be a problem with the Einherjars food supply. He did all that so that I was able to... kill Odin-sama who was my owner.

After I knew the truth, I was unable to stop the trembling. Since I thought that if I had took even one wrong step, I was pretty sure that I’d kill Odin-sama with the curse without knowing anything. That fear was not limited to Odin-sama only.

The main objective of the curse was Odin-sama but currently I was capable of cursing someone easily as long as I perceived that ‘he was my owner’. Moreover, that curse came with an additional dreadful ability since it was able to ‘increase a person’s greed’.

Since there was no different from the desire to own and the desire to

monopolize, the people around me would kill each other if I didn't control that ability well. That was the scariest thing on the curse that was cast on me.

At this point the only person that knew about that was only Loki, Brynhildr-sama and me only. If this were revealed to the public thoughtlessly, it'd only invite unnecessary confusion and anxiety—thus, the three of us had decided to keep this to ourselves as long as it didn't escalate to an unavoidable situation.

“So, what's your current condition? Sei.”

“Um... if I had to say it, I am doing fine. I feel exactly the same just like last week.”

On the same day, my true identity was revealed. In the cave where I was created as a ring, I had a battle with a hidden existence which called itself as Falsch.

In the middle of that battle, I had awaken the curse that was sleeping inside of me... and I also discovered this.

The curse would go berserk after it was activated, so on the first day, I was assaulted from the fatigue just from controlling that. But after a few day, I began to get a hold of that. Thus, I hadn't even once informed that of any bad news in the weekly meeting.

“That's great... I wonder for a moment what would happen but if Sei-san is able to pacify the curse completely, then it won't be long until you return back to normal.”

As if Brynhildr-sama was relieved on hearing this week report, she relaxed her slight stiff expression and patted me on my back.

“Yes, I also hope for that. I feel very sorry for making Brynhildr-sama worry about me constantly like just now...”

“No, please don't worry about that. In fact, I am quite happy instead. Since I am able to meet you regularly other than the dinner time... no, that's not it!? It's not like I am having those impure thoughts at all!”

Hmm? What did she say just now?

Actually my boar's ears were so sharp until I was able to hear the softest

voice. That was because I was aiming to become the most *sensitive* innocent BOY in this world.

“Hm~m? Kuku! I understand, it seems that I am a bother right?”

Loki, then you should know what to do. How I wished that you had more *awareness* as my partner.

“Since Sei is doing well. Then it’s my turn to present Andvari information...”

Oh yeah, that was right. Even though Loki was a NEET, he was also one of the few gods that were able to wander around the God Realm. Thus, he took advantage of his special authority to look for Andvari’s whereabouts.

Since you were lacking in *awareness*, you should at least show your *capability* now.

“I am unable to figure out his whereabouts this time either. That’s all.”

Ah, it seemed he failed again. Well, it couldn’t be helped. Since a Dwarf was much smaller than a human, it made it easier for them to hide themselves.

“Can’t you use the same method like how you found Ívaldi-san and Regin-san?”

“That would be hard. Since there is a doubling meaning with the name Andvari which is ‘cautious person’. If his name was reflected on his personality, it wouldn’t be the same with Regin and the others. Even if they are the Dwarf species.”

While saying that, Loki eye shown that he had given up.

A caution person was it.... If we put it that way, it meant that it would not be easy to find him at all. I thought that the most efficient and shortest method to dispel this curse was by capturing the culprit who did it but... it seemed that was the longest method instead.

“In any case.”

An unexpected cheerful sound broke the silent atmosphere.

“Sei-san, it seems that you are doing well in controlling your curse. That is because the two person who are the closest to you, which are Loki-sama and

me, didn't show any symptoms of the curse that stirs up a person killing intention and greed. If we continue on with this peaceful daily routine, I am sure that Andvari himself will appear when he saw that there is no progress to his plan."

Yup... that was right. It was exactly as what Brynhildr-sama said.

There was nothing for me to worry about. It would be fine if we just showed Andvari that we were enjoying our peaceful life.

If we did that, I was sure that someday... we would be able to achieve the true peace that we desired.

"Okay! Well, we just had to do our best from now on. However, I will be going afar for some time for a personal matter. So, I think that we won't be able to have these weekly meeting for a while and you guys should take care of yourself."

"Understood. Good luck on your own personal matter, Loki."

"Sure, please leave the matter to us, Loki-sama."

Loki smiled toward our answer. But before he flew off, he whispered to me.

"... Here is your chance. Do take full advantage of it, partner."

Hmm? Somehow Loki gave me a thumb up while showing a bright smile but... what was it? What was he telling me to do?

"It seems that Loki-sama had left, Sei-san."

Brynhildr-sama said those few words with a slightly gentle tone. After Loki disappear from my sight, I started to mumble.

"That's right. But... I feel a bit sorry. Since I felt that I am constantly troubling Loki that caused him to keep travel around the world..."

"... I am sure you are not troubling him at all since it's Loki-sama we are talking about."

Yup... it would be best if that was it. No... I was pretty sure it was that.

"By... by the way, Sei-san. Um... right now, it's just two of us..."

"Huh!? I'm... I'm sorry Brynhildr-sama! Not only Loki, it seems that I had

always caused trouble to you also, what a lame guy I am! I am sure you are busy right? Then, please head toward your mission without taking any heed of me!”

“Ah ... no... I still have some time so...”

“Okay! I will try my best for today as well so that I won’t lose to Loki and Brynhildr-sama!”

“Um.... Hmph... I understood. Brynhildr will also do her best in her mission!”

After saying that in a slight reckless manner, Brynhildr-sama spread her wing and flew toward the golden sky.

Woah, what an amazing speed. I was sure she was running late. To think that she would spare her little time for a person like me... since there was no mistake that she had piled up works due to me.

I was glad that I was able to realize it this soon.

With this I sure that I had become a splendid *sensitive* innocent BOY right?

(*Sensitive -> awareness -> capability)

(All of the three words share the letter ‘敏’ which mostly means sensitive.)

Valhalla no Bangohan Volume 5 Chapter 1

Chapter 1 – The colour of the daily harvest tour

The next day after the regular weekly meeting.

I—the brown boar Saehrimnir was enjoying my usual daily routine.

“Okay, it’s another boring day! ...Somehow I felt a bit disappointed but...”

Okay... the situation was a bit complicated. I acted normal since I desired to be one. Well, I didn’t expected that I’d be having these unproductive days but... I guessed life was full of surprises after all.

Actually could I really say that I was normal if I was acting as one? Actually I had stopped thinking about that since the word ‘normal’ itself was able to trigger a Gestaltzerfall phenomenon.

“Relax... Re~lax...”

These few weeks, I obtained the trick to control my curse. That was by relaxing. I just had to calm myself down between my conscious and sub-conscious without being stiff— it was a bit ambiguous but unexpectedly this method was quite effective.

Breathe in slowly... then breathe out slowly. OK, be conscious of the abdomen movement. As long as you were able to master the abdominal breathing, you could say goodbye to your bloated stomach! ...Why the heck did my original intention change as I was not planning to exercise!

Putting that aside, after both my mind and body had become better— in that very moment.

“Se-tan, are you here?”

Huh? This effortless voice that was not inferior to me when I was at the utmost point of relaxation

“Heizu? Please wait a moment, I’ll open the door now.”

When I pulled on the string that served as the door knob, the person was the pink goat, Heizu as expected.

Hmm, this was quite rare. Heizu was basically the type that liked to hide in her room which was far from the sloth Loki. I believed that she might had something important since she purposely went out of her room to come to mine which was located at the top floor of the worker dorm.

“What’s the matter? ...Ah, I understand! The Chef Head requested you to come and find me right?”

Before Heizu was able to answer me, I had answered it myself. Then, Heizu opened both her eye wide in surprise and looked at me.

“That’s right. How did you know that?”

“Well, it’s just my intuition. Moreover, the Chef Head did request you to come and find me previously.”

“Ah... I surprise that you remember. Se-tan is so amazing, it seems that you had grown.”

“Ha ha ha! It’s not that of a big deal at all.”

“When will you become sparkling gold?”

“I will not become that okay? It’s a pity but I will remain brown throughout my life, okay?”

I was sure that she was referring to Gullinbursti right? I’d remember it well. It was good to be honest as usual but please don’t treat me like I was a downgrade version of him, okay?

“Ahem! Putting that aside... let’s go and meet the Chef Head together now.”

“Hold it, it’s bad to go together.”

I asked Heizu to go together usual but unexpectedly she rejected it. Um...

why?

“If we go together, rumour of us being friend will spread and it will make me timid.”

What was with that? It was a bit prejudice but she sounded just like a childhood heroine friend. I was pretty sure that Chef Head must be a pretty amazing guy since Heizu had fallen for him, right?

“Isn’t that fine, since you don’t have any friend?”

“That’s true also.”

Yup, it was fine if you were honest.

Thus, Heizu and I headed to meet the Chef Head together.

“Yo, Sei-kun! Heizu-kun, thank you for bringing Sei-kun here.”

After we arrived at ‘Valhalla Kitchen’, the Chef Head was at the backyard where the refrigerator was located.

Somehow Chef Head’s voice was not as loud as always and it seemed that his expression was lacking his usual liveliness. Was there any chance that he was troubled by something?

“I’m sorry for calling you so early in the morning, Sei-kun. Actually I had encountered with a problem.”

“Ah, as expected. So, what happened?”

When I enquired that, the Chef Head took off his hat and looked down toward the ground.

“Please don’t be surprised upon hearing this. It’s a bit sudden but... the truth... is ...”

Hm, what was it? What was the big announcement that the Chef Head was trying to say? I was sure that the announcement was quite important since he was putting on airs up until now.

While the expectation and tension was increasing, after he felt that the timing was suitable— he said.

“Soon... it had been decided that Freya-san will be having a concert.”

—... eh? Freya-sama...concert? Having a concert... don't tell me....

“Concert!? Did you just said concert!? A concert is that concert right!? Whhhhen is it! When the heck is it!! Where is the venue!?”

“What... what's the matter, Sei-kun, calm down.”

“As if I can calm down! Since it's that concert! Freya-sama concert!”

“Um... Sei-kun, is there any chance that you are a fan of Freya-sama?”

“ ‘Fan’? You had underestimated me, Chef Head! In front of her, I am no longer a fan instead I had transcended into an existence—which was the same as a ‘vegetable’ or ‘fruits’. I shall wait patiently as a crop until the moment I am ready to be harvest by those lovely hand of hers... that's how her true fans prepare themselves! Moreover, she was the harvest angel of the bright fertility world when she was doing her idol activity! In addition, the slogan was ‘Let's ☆ harvest!’”

“I... I see, what a quite profound addiction... I mean profound interest.”

“It seems that I had gotten your attention!”

“Just a bit.”

Okay, the propagation was done! Let have him enter the religion now~!

“By the way, the news about Freya-sama concert should be a good news instead of a bad news. So, what's the matter that was troubling you?”

The same time when I had calm down from the excitement, that enquiry popped up in my head. The Chef Head answered me in a simple manner when I asked him directly.

“The concert itself was not a problem. But in conjunction with this concert, a certain person will be invited as a guest. The guest was an old friend of Freya-sama.”

Hee~ I see, an old friend was it. Since it was that beauty Freya-sama we were talking about, I was pretty sure that her old friend was quite famous as well.

“May I know who the person is?”

“Hmm? Ah, you mean the name of the old friend? If I am not mistaken, her

name is... 'Mardoll'."

"Mardoll...?"

How odd, I had never heard of this name before.... It was a bit strange coming from me but was there any chance that she was not famous at all?

"... That's how she called herself. For now."

Huh? Now... what did he meant by that. It had caught my attention.

"Then, what does she called herself previously?"

The moment I enquired him lightly about that, Chef Head let out another mysterious sigh. I intended to tell that to stop with the act... but I was unable to say it at all. That was because— "She had changed her name to Mardoll now and she was an old friend of Freya-sama who was living in the human realm 'Midgard' now. But she was a former Vanir God which was the same as Freya-sama..."

Then the name that Chef Head mention—was someone that I was quite familiar with.

"The Golden Goddess—'Gullveig'."

"!!"

Were you... telling me that she was 'Gullveig'?! Wasn't that! The name that I used on my own revival ability!

That was right. Previously, after Odin-sama saw my numerous revival, he said this 'This remind me of 'Gullveig'.'

I was not sure whether the origin of our revival ability were same or not but I couldn't help to think that our ability were the same. That was why, I named my revival ability after her.

To think that... she would be coming to Freya-sama concert...!

"Isn.... Isn't this something amazing?"

"Well, that was also another problem by itself but."

"Huh?"

Huh, was that so...? Were you telling me that I was the only one who got excited? Well, it was quite common since the only one who would treat her in a special manner was me since we had similar ability.

After the Chef Head saw that I had calmed down, he continued with the main topic.

“Sei-kun, actually the problem I’m facing was.... On how to fulfil the request to serve the best meal to Mardoll-sama aka Gullveig-sama. Since the request came from Freya-sama herself.”

I see... so that was the problem he was facing.

“Currently in ‘Valhalla Kitchen’, Sei-kun, we had you who can transform into the world most delicious chicken, Gullinkambi. Moreover, we also have hon... I mean Heizu-kun who was able to squeeze out the most delicious mead, the Léraðr mead. Other than that, we also have the deer, Ikusu-kun who was on par with you.”

“Ehh, isn’t that right.”

That was right but didn’t he just call Heizu as honey on a whim? Well, it was none of my business anyway. Previously I had incited Heizu to go to the Chef Head room, as revenge I was made into mincemeat that night, so I’d just ignore it.

“Sei-kun? What happened, you look a bit scary?”

“Huh? Well, it’s a pity that instead of the ‘look’, the ‘after’ is much scarier right? Chef Head.”

“...I understand. I will accepted what will happen to me afterward. Putting that aside... do you have any bright idea that able to improve the meals prepared in my kitchen? The reason why I called for you was on that.”

“Hm... okay. It’s fine if I just bring out some idea that able to improve the meal and ultimately avoid any complaint from Freya-sama old friend right?”

After I had summarized the request, Chef Head gave me a humble nod.

Now I understood why the Chef Head was so serious. That was because the Chef Head was the chef that was scouted by Freya-sama and she brought him

to the God Realm from the human realm. In order to not shame her, he wanted to accomplish this request perfectly.

Even though I couldn't help but to call him a lolicon, he was still my master. My respect toward him would remain the same. Thus... it was time for me to use every inch of my brain cell to help him!

"We had already obtained the best meat and the best mead. Even the cooking tools were legendary grade and the Chef Head cooking technique as the best, on top of that the waitress were the nine Valkyries..."

Hmm? Was there any chance that we were not lacking of anything...?

"I'm sorry, Chef Head, I have no idea."

"Please don't said that! Since you were the strategist that was acknowledged by that Loki, right?"

A strategist, that was the first time I had heard that I was called in that way. But... it seemed it was a bit impossible this time. That it was because putting the joke aside, I really couldn't think of anything at all.

Then when we were struck by despair... Heizu activated her rune of mannaz and transform to her usual human appearance as if she had thought of something.

"Darling. Heizu like all of darling dishes."

"Hee? Ah, thank you, Heizu-kun, I'm glad just by hearing that."

"Se-tan meat was quite delicious. Heizu was an herbivorous in her goat form but when Heizu was in her human form like this, Heizu was able to eat it."

"Yup, isn't that right? Once you do that, it doesn't matter even if you are formerly an herbivorous."

Well, when it came to romance, she was without a doubt a carnivorous from the beginning...

"But... those small fry old man were always a carnivorous right?"

Small fry? Ah, so that was how Heizu called the Einherjars. It was true that those fellows would only eat meat. I was able to understand that they were

muscle-brain but they were so lame since they still disliked vegetable at their age...hmm? In other word...

“I got an idea, Chef Head! It’s vegetable! The only dish that was not popular in ‘Valhalla Kitchen’ was... vegetable!”

“! That’s right! Let’s alone the salad, it’s true that they don’t even bother to touch the vegetable that was served together with the main dish at all! That means... if I am able to create a dish that can overcome their dislike of the vegetable, then it will be a dish that exceed all the current dish.”

After we had arrived to our answer, the Chef Head did a guts posture. That was right, the thing that we should place our attention toward to was the vegetable. Wasn’t that the best treatment that we could provide to the old friend of the harvest goddess?

“But Sei-kun, what should we do so that the Einherjars will eat the vegetable?”

“Actually I have an idea for that. Please leave it to me!”

I dashed out at the same moment when I said that. There was only one place where I’d go.

Somehow it had become quite excited now. That was right, this was fine.

That was because the ‘daily life’ that I experienced in ‘Valhalla’ were quite exciting.

After I had made my decision in my usual reckless manner, I headed toward ‘a certain place’ so that I was able to discuss with my beloved disciple, Ikusu.

“Good morning, Ikusu. Is it okay if I discuss something with you now?”

“Ah, Oshishou! Hello!”

In the farm that was located behind of the Einherjars building, ‘Valhalla’. The deer who was in charge of watering the plants stopped the water from her antler and headed immediately toward me.

“Ah, I’m sorry! This was not the right appearance that I should be when I am talking with Oshishou.”

After she said that, she abandoned her deer appearance. By using the rune of mannaz that I was proficient with, she changed into an appearance of a young human girl that was wearing a bohemian poncho.

“Okay. It seems that you had adhere the teaching of me as you master. I am so touched.”

“Of course! The moment when I transform into this appearance, the pervert gaze of Oshishou that was looking at my bare foot... I feel so aroused by it since I am a masochist!”

“No, I am not looking at it okay? Even if I am looking at it, it will be a normal gaze only okay?”

This was bad... was it just me since I felt that everyone was starting to be able to read my emotion now? Even though I was a boar. Even though I was showing this poker face that I had since birth.

...Okay, time to reflect on it. I'd become a gentlemen that would not be embarrassed no matter where I went from now on. I'd look at Ikusu bare legs with this serious look that was able to fool the God.

“Stare...”

“O...Oshishou-sama... I did say that I got aroused from your perverted sight but I will still get embarrassed by it...?”

How odd, Ikusu was writhing in agony. Even though I was using my serious look. Were you saying that my serious look was actually a lewd... no, let's not think anymore further on it.

“By the way, Oshishou-sama, what do you want to talk about?”

“Ah, that's right. Actually Ikusu, do you have any delicious vegetable in this farm?”

“What are you saying about, all the vegetable around you were delicious. All of the vegetables have the best taste and high quality since I am the one who took care of them personally!”

“Well, that's true but... is there any vegetable that will attract a veggie hater to eat it?”

“That’s why I am saying it can be found all around you.”

This was not good, there was no progress at all. Guess I had no choice but to tell her directly.

“You are aware that the Einherjars always left their vegetable right, Ikusu? I am looking for a vegetable that will attract them to eat it.”

“Ah... I see, that’s the reason for you to come here.”

Even Ikusu would be able to realize what I was saying about since I didn’t beat around the bush.

That was right—the chosen Einherjars from the human world, ‘Midgard’ were mostly carnivorous in various meaning.

They enjoyed eating my meat or Ikusu meat but when it came to vegetable, they mostly left it untouched at all. That was why I was looking for the best method to help overcome that situation.

“The vegetable that was served together were also one of the magnificent dishes. That was because it was raised by Ikusu and the kitchen staff do their best while preparing it. But to think that it had turned into a situation where it needs to be treated as leftover food... don’t you think that we need to do something about it?”

“That... it’s exactly as what Oshishou-sama said! Even I also feel sad toward the leftover vegetable! I wonder what we should do so that everyone will enjoy eating it!?”

“That’s why I came here to discuss with you after I gave some thoughts about it. If we had a vegetable which was more delicious and it had a different look, then I had a feeling that everyone will enjoy eating it. This will be the first step in overcoming their dislike toward the vegetable. So? Do you have any idea on that?”

“Hm... a vegetable that exceed all the vegetable here...”

After she heard that, Ikusu thought about it immediately.

At time she cross her arm, at time she rubbed her temple, Ikusu still continued to think about it even though she felt good from the pain that was

cause by the rubbing which interrupted her thoughts.

And then—

“...‘The sprouts of the world tree.’ That was the only thing that I could think of.”

“That was the deer... Ha ha, even though you were a deer?”

(deer and only had the same word)

“That so mean, Oshishou-sama I wish you can stop saying those thing. Since the vegetable will be ruined if the temperature drop.”

“Was it that cold!?”

Whose fault do you think it was! ...No, Sei, you shouldn’t blame others. As a man and as a Shishou, shouldn’t I just acknowledge it with my big heart?

“ ‘The sprouts of the world tree’ was it.... I felt like I had heard it before, it something similar to the Taranome right? Can it be obtained immediately?”

“No, it’s a pity but it not something common at all. Since the World Tree, Léraõr only bud once every few hundred years. There was a rumour that the sprouts will need to be harvest immediately when it bud else it will taste extremely bad.”

“Once every few hundred years... by the way, when will it happen?”

“It’s today.”

“WHAT A NICE TIMING ISN’T IT!?”

What kind of a miracle is this! I felt so grateful for this until I felt there was something fishy about this!

“Um... I don’t want to ruin the atmosphere but... will it really bud today?”

I reconfirmed it with Ikusu as I was unable to accept that today was the once every few hundred years. Then, she opened her eye widely as if this was something unthinkable and she said this confidently.

“Yes, I am sure. That was because I had ate one this morning since I had saw one sprouted.”

“There was no room for doubt at all!”

Whoa~, I should have consulted with her earlier! Since I was unable to make any preparation at this eleventh hour!

“Then... let me ask you. Which part of the world tree did you see the sprout budded?”

“At the end of the branch. But it’s not like all of the branch will bud so it’s pointless. Well, at least there was one that budded on the branch that I found.”

The end of the branch... was it. Well, the good thing was the ‘rainbow void’ could be found in ‘Valhalla’ which allow a person to transport to any part of the God Realm, thus there was no problem for us to go there.

But if we were unable to find any sprout after we teleported to there... then we had no choice but to search for it on foot.

If that happened, it would be hard to harvest the sprouts. That was because it’d take quite a long time to travel between the branches the world tree was quite huge.

“There was around... five branches for us to search...”

What should we do? What would you do, Sei? There was no second chance if I let go of this opportunity, since I didn’t have a long lifespan.

But if I were to search all the five branches on my own, the chance of me coming back empty handed was quite high. So, I needed to secure some partner to assist me.

Personally I would be happy if I were able to get the cooperation from the Valkyries but... I had no method to reach them at this moment.

“He he, it seems like this was my time to shine isn’t it? Sir Sei.”

“This voice was...!”

This sound that came out of nowhere— it was none other than the elusive Ratatoskr!

“Sir. Is there any chance that you had forgotten the existence of this squirrel? Regardless whether it’s inside a fire, inside the water or inside a girl skirt, I will

immediately appear once I was summoned.”

“That was so amazing. Somehow it seems quite troublesome at the same time.”

That was right. Since Ratatoskr was a special squirrel who was quite proficient at teleporting. Moreover, his body was small so he quite suitable with infiltration mission.

(By the way... what was the inside of Ikusu skirt look like...?)

(It's striped.)

Yeah!

“That's not it!! Ratatoskr, why did you appear here at such a good timing?”

“Hm... if I were to say it, it will be ‘this was inevitable’. Just like when you come to meet Lady Ikusu, she will surely transform into her human appearance right? Thus, it was also my job to follow you without a moment delay.”

I see... in another words, Ratatoskr came and meet us when he was in the middle of stalking us. That meant he was making full use of his low standpoint. What a despicable personality.

“Even though you look cute from the appearance, your personality was still as rotten as ever. But you came at the right time. Hey Ratatoskr, can you help me to inform those Valkyrie who are free to gather in front of the rainbow void?”

“Hmm... no problem! I will inform them right away, so Sir Sei, please get ready in front of the void.”

As soon as he said that, Ratatoskr transformed into light after he made a big jump and disappeared from the place.

After I gave my thanks to Ikusu, I headed toward trunk of the world tree where the void was located.

“Se...Sei-san! I keep you waiting!”

While I was waiting patiently, the first to appear was my beloved Brynhildr-sama.

The thing that surprised me was that all the other Valkyrie sisters gathered

together as if their elder sister was leading them.

“Whoa, I didn’t thought that all the nine Valkyries will come here... I’m sorry for bothering you during such busy time!”

After I gave them my gratitude, the Valkyries sister look at each other with a restless appearance as if they were quite nervous.

“? What... what’s the matter?”

“No, that... we were just wondering on the purpose...”

Purpose? Of course, that would be assisting me in searching for the sprout of the world tree... this was strange, didn’t Ratatoskr tell them anything? I wondered what that squirrel told them that would cause all of them gathered here.

“Um... Ratatoskr told us that Sei-san was ‘waiting underneath of the legendary world tree.’”

“Eh!?”

What was with that phrase that would make a person heart throb! It might be possible for a normal day but on such memorial day that would only appear once very few hundred years, it couldn’t be blame if they were expecting a confession!

“It... it’s true that I am waiting but it’s quite different from what you were expectation okay? I actually would like to request your helps on something.”

“So, it’s that after all. It had just ruined my expectation.”

The seventh sister Siegrune voice out her disappointment while I was talking. I wonder what she was expecting.

“Sigh... I came here since I thought there would be something to laugh at but to think it was a plan to push something troublesome to us. This will be boring so I will be going back to my room now.”

“Huh!? Hold... hold it for a moment, Helmwige-sama! Please listen to my request since you already here!”

I went in front of Helmwige and did a sliding dogeza since she had planned to

return without any hesitation. The fifth sister, Schwerte-sama helped me to convince Helmwig as if she was impressed by my admirable posture.

“Helmwig. You do aware that this boy lower his head toward you without caring what others think right? So there was no harm in listening to what he had to say.”

“Somehow I had a feeling that he always lowers his head though.”

Then, Siegrune immediately gave a sharp retort. Damn it, if this was a mixture between fact and fiction... then I hope it was a fiction instead.

“That... that’s not true Rune-onee-chan! Sei-kun, please raise your head, since I will listen to your request properly!”

“That’s right. Everyone should learn from Rossweisse in order to be much kinder.”

Oh, not only the ninth sister, Rossweisse, even the third sister, Ortlinde-sama was helping me! Thank you, thank you very much...!

“Since we haven’t heard what the reward will be. It’s not too late to reject the request after we heard that.”

Hey, I wanted my gratitude back now!

“Re... putting aside the reward, let’s listen to Sei-san request first. Okay?”

In the end, everyone remain silent as if Brynhildr-sama had made the final call.

When I saw that everyone had lend their ear to me, I informed them about my current request.

“—I see, to make the Einherjars eat... what a wonderful idea! Please allow us to help you in searching the sprouts of the world tree!”

The moment she heard that, Brynhildr-sama immediately agreed to cooperate right away. Ah, what a kind person she was, other than me, anyone would fall for her in a blink of an eye.

“Everyone will of course help, ah! Gerhilde, what are you doing all of a sudden!”

When I looked toward the source of the sudden scream, I saw Gerhi-sama who was overflowing with the tears of regret while grabbing Brynhildr-sama shoulder.

“It’s not a matter of what anymore! Nee-sama, because of you I was unable to obtained the title of the ‘first’ helper since you had gotten a head start before me! Sei, I will not let you down. The one who will find the sprout first will be me who is the fastest among the sister. As I am the second sister, Gerhilde!”

“Th... thank you, after hearing Gerhi-sama said that, I am able to be at ease.”

Yup... as always Gerhi-sama’s desire to become the first was quite amazing for things that had connection to speed.

When my ear was full with the overawe sensation, I could heard an awful timid voice. That voice belonged to the eight sister, Grimgerde-sama.

“I’m not sure whether I will be of use but please let me help out! Since I would like to see the seaweed that grown on the tree branch instead of the sea!”

Grimgerde-sama, that... it was a pity but it was not seaweed at all.

“Oh~ it seems quite amusing, please let Onee-san help you too! Weisse-chan, you will certainly help out right~?”

“Yup, Raute-onee-chan! As long as it’s a request from Sei-kun, I will do anything!”

Hmm? She’d do anything... no, let’s not think about it. Since I was a gentleman, let’s keep these commitment when it was just the two of us only.

But... I was truly grateful. Starting from the fourth sister, Waltraute-sama and Weisse who immediately agreed, the others gave their okay one after another. While I was a bit fearful of my luck, I thanked the Valkyrie from the bottom of my heart.

“Ah—...sorry, I will pass. Since I don’t have any motivation to gather food for those muscle brain.”

Then, from the side who were being thank, Siegrune-sama voice out a

different opinion. After that, Ortlinde-sama and Helmwige-sama also voice out their agreement with Siegrune-sama.

“Linde agrees with her right. Since it’s not that important nor it seems to be profitable, Linde has no interest in this request.”

“Ka ka ka! This is magnificent! Including me, three out of the Valkyrie had made a pass on this. In another word, we can just cancel this request happily now!”

Wait, hold it! Wasn’t this weird? Why did the minority win? Shouldn’t the majority win since we were practicing the democracy system?

Well, there was a few thing that didn’t makes any sense but... it couldn’t be helped if I was unable to get the cooperation from all of them.

No, shouldn’t I be happy with this discovery instead? Judging from Siegrune-sama tone just now, it seemed that she wouldn’t help if it was for the sake of the Einherjars. On the other hand, it would mean that she would help if it was ‘for my sake’.

However... I was able to make a line on those who would help from those who wouldn’t, isn’t it?

“I see, so the three of you won’t help. Ah~ it’s a pity~ I had prepare a special reward for those who were kind enough to help me. The special reward was the ‘Ultimate combo set’ which consists of the two proud meat of the God Realm that was Ikusu and my meat together with the sprouts that I am planning to harvest now, ah, what a pity~”

“If that’s the case, please let me help you!!”

“I... I agree with my right.”

“Both of you changed your mind so fast!”

What a splendid comeback, as expected, it seemed that both of you were aiming for the reward only!

“Um... Siegrune-sama, how about you?”

“Argh... there is no choice~ It would make me look bad if I am the only one who was not helping, so I will help you. Don’t... don’t get the wrong idea okay?

It's not like I am helping you because I got attracted by the food, okay!"

"Okay, I am aware of it. Then, if the amount of the meal for the special reward was not sufficient, then Siegrune-sama is fine if you don't get one right?"

"What!? That... isn't it normal for us to have a rock-paper-scissor battle when that happens?"

... For god's sake, it would be fine if you were more honest to yourself....

After having those conversations, we had arrived at the branch of the world tree.

"Hm... we will be able to accomplish this mission immediately if the sprouts were in full bloom in this branch but... as expected it won't be easy at all."

After we arrived at the first branch via the rainbow void, we weren't able to find any sprouts at all. Since that was the case, we had no choice but to split up and search for it as planned earlier.

"Ho ho ho! Of course, as the fastest among my sisters, I will head toward the furthest branch!"

After she said that, Gerhi-sama flew at a tremendous speed that was able to pierce through the wind with her white wing that was created from her magic power.

"Hmph. Linde is unable to rival with Gerhi-nee but Linde is quite confident in her speed. Then, Linde will contribute the most, in order to obtain the largest portion of the meal."

The one who ran off indomitably was Ortlinde-sama. When was it decided that a higher contribution would result in a larger portion of the meal?

When I tilted my head, the other sisters also flew off toward different directions on their own.

It seemed that their title as the wind maiden was not for show at all since I could only send them off while being amazed with their tremendous speed.

"Okay, I can't lose to them also! I should use my rune of mannaz to transform into a falcon now..."

“Um... Sei-san. If you are fine with it, will you harvest the sprouts together with me?”

“!?”

At that moment, I was called out from behind in a reserved manner. There was no way that I would misheard this since the owner of that voice was my beloved Brynhildr-sama!

“Brynhildr-sama, didn’t you just fly off...?”

“He he he. I returned back here secretly after I pretended to fly off. I understand that it would be better if we split up but as expected I would like to do it together with you... will I be a bother to you?”

After she said that, Brynhildr-sama looked toward me with an uneasiness look.

“Of course, you are not a bother at all! In fact, I would like to welcome you instead! Let do it together!”

“That... that’s great. In that case, let’s go right away.”

At the same time when I felt excited with this unexpected throbbing development, Brynhildr-sama carried me in her arm and we started with our search.

“Hmm... I felt the presence of Helmwig in this direction. So, I guess we should head to another branch.”

“Oh, do you know the current location of everyone?”

That amazing, I guessed this was something that could only be done with their sister bond.

“Nope. That branch is the closest from the starting point since she is a slacker, she will surely head toward there.”

Yup... I wonder whether this was due to the sister bond or not...

Putting that aside, if we were to avoid bumping into each other, it was possible that someone would waste their effort in searching on a same place repeatedly.

“How about this branch, Sei-san. I will let you down now so we can search for it okay?”

“Yes! Let do our best!”

Once we had arrived, Brynhildr-sama put me down on the ground and we began to search in every nook and cranny of the branch.

While I was enjoying this dating atmosphere where we exchanged silly idle conversation, in due time... ahem. Let's put the focus on finding the sprouts first.

It was a pity but no even a single sprouts could be founded in this branch.

“This is bad, there is nothing. Since the world tree is a lump of the life energy, I thought that the sprouts can be found everywhere but... we can't find one at all.”

“That's right... but it not pointless at all. Since there is no straightforward method when it comes to legendary rank food. Let's just do our best!”

After that, I was picked up again and we headed to the next branch.

That right, we still had plenty of time. But still I hoped that I could only find the sprouts at the eleventh hour.

That was because I wanted to enjoy the time with my beloved Brynhildr-sama as long as possible.

“Sigh... to think that we aren't unable to find one up until now... it seems like we had underestimated this.”

I wondered how long had it been since then.

Even though we were approaching sunset, we weren't unable to find our desired sprouts at all. Now, I wanted to curse myself who wished for this result a few hours ago due to his own personal desire.

In order to maintain the legendary taste of the sprouts, it would had to be harvested on the same day it budded but... once the curtain of the night had raised, it would be impossible to find the sprouts. Thus, this was a race against the time but...

“I wonder how the others are doing. I would be glad if someone managed to find some though.”

The moment when I voiced out my whine about relying on others, multiple people were approaching as I could hear them shouting from afar. It seems that the others sister that I mentioned just now were flying toward me.

“I’m sorry, Sei-dono. Even though we had search across numerous branch, we couldn’t find any sprouts at all...”

“That’s right... it been a while since Onee-san tried her best but it seem that it had all gone down the drain~”

“Argh~! What is the meaning of this Sei! Did you make sure that the information on the sprouts is correct!?”

Argh, please don’t rub salts to my wound, Helmwig-sama! Ikusu told me that she had ate one of the sprouts today but I had yet to see a real sprouts with my own eye. Truth to be told, I didn’t believe that she was lying at all...

“Hold... hold it, Helmwig-nee-sama. I think there is no mistake that the seaweed will bud today.”

“? Grimgerde, why?”

Brynhildr-sama showed a serious expression while listening carefully on that unexpected statement. Then, Grimgerde-sama shook her hand excessively while answering the enquiry.

“Ac... actually I used my servants Doggy to help me search for the seaweed. Since the Doggy has a keen sense of smell, I thought that they will be able to guide me to it but we always stop halfway as if they had lose the smell...”

“Hm. In another word, it that. There is no mistake that today is the budding day of the sprouts. In spite of that, no one was able to find the sprouts –right?”

Grimgerde gave a small nod toward the summary from Siegrune-sama.

I see, I understand the circumstance now...

But what was with this weird phenomena? It was like the smell of the sprouts was getting thinner the closer we get to them. Instead of it being a tough hurdle, it was like a nightmare for us to harvest this sprout.

“It seems that the World Tree sprouts is quite skilled at escaping. Does that mean that the sprouts had leg?”

Weisse voiced out a completely different idea that I didn't thought of while crossing her arm. That was right, it was also possible that the plant could move by itself.

But I felt sick when I tried to imagine it escaping appearance. For example, it grew wings and flew...it was still at an acceptable level if it was able to teleport.

“...hmm? Teleport...?”

I tilted my head against that phrase that pop up in my head. Then the moment when I tilted— that appeared in front of me.

“Oh, everyone. May I know what is everyone doing here?”

The one who appeared was Ratatoskr. While he was imitating me by tilting his head, he looked toward us with a doubtful look.

“What... I believe you know it quite well. We are looking for the world tree sprouts.”

“Oh, of course I am aware of it. Since you requested me to gather all of the Valkyries right?”

I nodded silently since that was the truth. After that, Ratatoskr hit his chest in a proficient manner and began to brag about his work.

“As requested, I had asked the all the Valkyries, without missing anyone, to approach you.. This is what I called a perfect completion! Then, since I am too talented, I went and harvested a lot of the world tree sprouts at the same time!”

...huh. What does he meant by that?

When I asked him that, Ratatoskr make a more triumphant face than usual.

“I am saying that I had harvested the world tree sprouts. I had been through the numerous world tree branches by using my specialty teleportation.”

I see, I understood it now, the reason why none of us were able to find any sprouts. And also the reason why Grimgerde-sama servant was not able to track

the smell of the sprouts.

“Ratatoskr had gotten a head start.”

That explained why we couldn't find one at all. It was totally out of my expectation since that Ratatoskr would take the initiative by helping.

In the first place, instead of asking Ratatoskr to gather the Valkyries, I should have just asked him to help me harvest instead, then I wouldn't have to bother them at all...

“Hold it Sei. I am pretty sure that you asked us to gather right?”

“No, Siegrune-sama, instead of asking all of you to gather, it's more like there is no need for me to do that at all...”

Argh, the stare from everyone was hurting me. Actually those who were staring at me were mostly the person who requested for a compensation which were the three of them but due to my persecution complex, even my heart was hurt.

“Hey Siegrune, Helmwige and Ortlinde, it's quite unreasonable for you to blame Sei-san on this. That is because Ratatoskr was able to find the sprouts faster than us this time. Isn't that the truth?”

Oh... my goddess Brynhildr-sama, that was quite kind of you! Please harvest this sprout of love that had budded inside of me.

“To think that I was slower to the likes of Ratatoskr, this is a regret that I will never forget...sigh”

“Hold it, Miss Gerhilde, I will not let that slip through. It's so cruel of you to say 'likes of' just because you had lost. From now on, I want you to lower your head profoundly in front of me whenever I pass by.”

Ah... Ratatoskr, you shouldn't let it get to your head that easily.

Then, the furious Gerhi-sama gotten close to the arrogant Ratatoskr and she grabbed him at a speed that my eye couldn't catch up with.

“... Instead of asking me to lower my head, isn't it faster if I just make your head to become much longer?”

“Argh!? My head is getting... it’s getting longer!”

Then, after the punishment for the squirrel who said too much was settled, the mission for today had ended.

Once again I gave my thanks to everyone who helped out and return to the ‘Valhalla’ which was getting closer to night time.

The large amount of the world tree sprouts that was harvested by Ratatoskr was preserved by soaking in the extreme pure water from Ikusu horns.

Then—the sunset of the next day.

Ikusu and I were made into a delicious meat dish by the hand of the Chef Head himself.

The content that was boiling inside the magic pot Eldhrimnir, where the amount of it content wouldn’t decrease, was the cream stew that was filled with a lot of the world best vegetable, the world tree sprouts. Of course, we had put aside an amount that will be used to serve our guest.

The Einherjars should realize the situation they were in since there were lucky enough to eat the world most luxury stew for free and as much as they want.

“Whoa, what a nice smell! So, this is the ultimate combo meal that Sei-kun mentioned previously!”

“Oh!? That means it’s ready isn’t it! Rossweisse, I want to smell it so move aside. Whoa~ this smell great! Hey, we will get to eat this as part of our compensation right? Right!?”

“Of... of course it is, so please calm down first.”

For god’s sake, Helmwige-sama was such a gluttony. Well, as a chef, this reaction made me quite happy.

After the two who were lured by the smell, the others Valkyries came to the big canteen one after another. Then, it was time for me to keep my promise to them before they started to serve the Einherjars who would gathered here after they finished their training.

I took a portion of stew from the pot and served it to the Valkyries who were seated at the dining table. While I felt the gaze from the Chef Head who was

looking at me quietly from the kitchen, I spread out both my hand and said.

“Okay, I hope you will enjoy this! This dream like meal that can only be eaten once every few hundred years!”

“Itadakimasu!” x7

After they said that out in sync, the Valkyries sister took their first bite together. The next thing that came out of their lip was the storm of good review.

“It... it’s so delicious, Sei-san! Perhaps this is more delicious than the meal that you prepared in the cooking battle previously...!”

“Well, I haven’t ate it yet so.... By the way, Brynhildr-sama, how’s the taste of the essential sprouts?”

“Yes! It’s quite delicious! It’s quite soft and the sweetness is spreading slowly in my mouth but the core is so crispy, I am even able to feel it while chewing on it... please forgive me since I am unable to make a better comment on it but it is truly delicious!”

There was no need for you to apologize, since that was quite sufficient already.

Moreover, I was able to understand it once I saw the smile on the others. If it was this taste, I was pretty sure that the vegetable hater, Einherjars would enjoy this for sure.

“Thank you for the meal!” x7

A few minutes later. When they put down their spoon, there wasn’t even a drop of the stew left in their bowl.

Next—it was finally the Einherjars turn.

After the Einherjars came in and took their seat one after another as if they were switching place with the Valkyrie, they helped themselves to the stew.

Since they were rude, they wouldn’t even bothered to say their gratitude at all. As if they were given the order by the sound of their stomach, they took their first bite in a lively manner.

“Ah, as always, the meat is so tasty! This is my favourite just meat, since it’s only meat.”

Argh, it was so cold! What’s with his joke, I was so surprise by it until the taste became bad! I as restraining myself but it was so bad until I wanted to vomit! In the end, it seemed that they only eat the meat!

“Um... warrior-san, the taste of the vegetable today is quite different from the usual. Please try it.”

“Huh? Are you stupid, boar! As if I would go and eat the leaf after I had exhausted all my energy during the training!”

“That’s right but... um... I am sure that this leaf is on a different rank than usual.”

“Rank? Rank is it... well I am also that, I am a guy who is able to spot the difference. Okay, I understand boar, but if it tastes bad, I will eat you instead!”

“Well, you are already eating me.”

You should probably think what was in your first bite just now.

After all those everlasting objection, the old man Einherjars reluctantly took in my advice.

He took a bite of the sprouts and begin chewing it. The old man frown as if he had to swallow a bitter-tasting bug but after he had swallowed it, he opened his eye widely.

“What is this, it’s not bad at all! It is filled with the taste of the stew and the more you chew at it, the more delicious it become. This is my first time having such a juicy vegetable!”

“Hmm, what are you eating? It’s just vegetable... then I will made a pass on it...”

“Huh! Are you scared? Are you scare of the vegetable?”

“Who... who is scared of it! I’m not scared of the vegetable at all, then I will try it... delicious!?”

“Your reaction is too fast, idiot! As if such a delicious vegetable exist... it

exists—!!”

Hey, were these people a comedian in their previous life? Well, I was happy that they liked it though.

Yup... I was quite happy. After hearing the numerous ‘Delicious’, I felt that my effort today was worth it. It would be best if they took this chance and change their view toward the vegetable but— In that moment, the lively big canteen was calmed down by a single sudden remark.

“But... this is not as delicious as the meat...”

Eh... well, a vegetable was a vegetable so I believed that it was not comparable to meat but if you said that...

“I’m not so sure of it but. We are able to eat as much meat as we want thanks to the aforementioned magic pot right? So there is no point for us to make ourselves full by eating the vegetable purposely right?”

No, hold that,

“That’s right.”

“Okay, let continue to eat the meat!”

Just like this—the position of the vegetable remain the same. Our effort that were in the limelight only lasted for a moment.

“...things won’t go as planned right, Sei-kun.”

“... That’s right. Ha ha ha... sigh.”

There was no choice. There was no choice since they were able to eat their favourite food as much as they want after all. It was quite obvious that you would be happy if you were stuff your stomach with your favourite food.

In the end, we weren’t able to change the Einherjars dislike of the vegetable but I hoped that we could at least get a good remark from Freya-sama friend...

For god’s sake, who was the one who brought that pot where the content would decrease?

...ah, it was me. Please let me apologize...

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Chapter 2 – The colour of the Golden Gullveig

This happened early in the morning.

There was no advanced warning nor was it foreseen at all. This sound—resounded all of a sudden.

[Uuuuuu! Uuuuuu!]

“!? This... this sound is... it couldn't be!!”

I wished that I had misheard this... this was my first time that I had wished for something deep from my heart.

But... I was not the only one who would have misheard this. Since this sound that was resounded throughout the god realm, ‘Asgard’ was something that I had heard at least once previously.

“This sound is from Heimdallr's horn... ‘Gjallarhorn’...!!!”

I had heard this sound during the battle with the evil dragon, Nidhogg who ate the root of the world tree, Léraðr which caused the crisis of the collapsing. But that time, the horn was blown as one of Loki's tactic.

Of course, Loki had returned the borrowed horn a long time ago. In another word—the one who was blowing the horn was none other than its owner, Heimdallr.

Moreover, since this sound had appeared, it meant... that the world's end, ‘Ragnarok’ had arrived.

“This... this is bad! Ah, it's terrible! This is really really dreadful!!”

Hold... hold it, calm down Saehrimnir! In time like these, you need to move calmly!

Anyway, let's evacuate first. No, I should check on the situation instead right? Since I had no idea what was going on and where did it happened. Moreover, I wanted to avoid doing something foolish like going to the centre of the conflict in a hurry without knowing anything.

"Sei!! You're here right!?"

At that time, a green squall suddenly flew inside my room through the window. The identity of that squall was the Valkyrie who was proud of her speed, the second sister, Gerhi-sama.

"Yes! I'm here!"

"Ah, Sei, that's great! Then, come here immediately! There is a place we need to go now!"

After Gerhi-sama let out a momentarily sigh of relief, she asked me to jump to her hand and she spread her wings at the same time.

"Go... exactly where are we going!?"

It had been a while since I had experienced her tremendous flying speed. While resisting the wind pressure that cause me to become breathless, I enquired her that. Then, she reply me clearly while only looking straight in front.

"Of course! To Freya-sama mansion—'Fólkvangr'!"

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We had arrived to 'Fólkvangr' in the midst of this tense situation.

I had come to the outer garden numerous time but this was the second time that I entered the mansion. I was pretty sure the first time I had come here was... when I was invited to the lunch party. The person who escorted me that time was Brynhildr-sama instead of Gerhi-sama....

There was a lot of female knights that were walking around inside the

mansion which was exactly the same as last time. But this time was a bit different since they smiled and waved their hands when our eyes met.

That's right. If I had to say it, it was because I had become quite famous since then. I was pretty sure that if I were to pretend that I was lost, they would take care of me in a various way instead... ha ha.

...huh? Why am I able to maintain my gentleman spirit in this state of emergency? ...Ah~ I got it. Somehow it because I was able to feel quite calm in this mansion atmosphere.

"Um~... did nothing strange happen? Gerhi-sama. Since it look like no one was in a hurry here..."

"? Why is there a need for them to be in a hurry?"

Toward my question, Gerhi-sama gave me a strange look as if a '?' had pop up on her head. Huh, why? Was I the one who was strange?

"That... that is because, wasn't the sound just now came from Gjallarhorn? How is it possible to remain calm after hearing that sound which is the signal of the beginning of 'Ragnarok'..."

"Huh? Sei, is there any chance that you didn't heard about this from your supervisor? The sound just now was just an announcement that Freya-sama friend had arrived to 'Asgard'. It's just a special signal that would only happen today."

"Eh!? Is that.... the truth!?"

What~ For god's sake, there was no need for me to worry at all.

But this was my first time hearing this? Chef Head... why didn't you tell me something as important as this! ...Ah, no, did he? Wasn't I the one who interrupted him? That was due to the excitement since he had informed me about the concert first...

"Let me just tell you this beforehand, this is not the right sound if Heimdallr-sama gave it his all in blowing the horn. For this time only, he blew it at a suitable level so that only those within 'Asgard' can hear it."

"Oh~ Ahem, 'I understand. Then I will blow it by using 50% of my lung

capacity.’”

“Phh! That was an imitation of Heimdallr-sama right? It was quite a good imitation!”

Ha ha, did I sound exactly like him? Well, since the manner of his speech was something quite special after all.

After that, we had arrived at a familiar door. It was the door to the hall where the reception was held last time. If I was not mistaken... the name was Saehrimnir... wait, isn't that my name?

“Okay, we had finally arrived at ‘Sethrimnir’.”

That right. I wonder who named the hall since it was a quite confusing and it was also a bother to me.

Then, the door opened when I was making a complaint in my mind and the sight of the hall enter my vision.

The remaining eight Valkyries were inside the hall which was the same as last time. Moreover, their leader which was the goddess who governed love, beautiful and fertility, Freya-sama was also present inside. Not only that, other than me, the two other boars were also gathered inside the hall.

“Ah, Gullinbursti! And also Hildi!”

“Hmph, it seem you had arrived, Saehrimnir. Since you have arrived, you should kneel down immediately as we are in the presence of Freya-sama.”

The golden boar, Gullinbursti. He was one of the six masterpiece of the Dwarf, currently he was working under Freya-sama brother, Frey-sama as an elite swift horse (lol).

“Come on, lursti, there is no need to be so stiff at all... ahem, I mean you can relax a bit right? Since he was already on the same standing as we... I mean us. “

Then the one beside him was the silver boar, Hildisvíni aka Hildi. She was the one who understood Freya-sama the most and sometime she worked as her manager, thus she was a capable (wolf in sheep clothing) elite.

...Let me just introduce myself also since I somehow offended them. I'm the brown boar, Saehrimnir. I single-handedly managed the cooking counter of

‘Valhalla’ and also the one who somehow managed to overcome numerous world crises, the legendary (gentleman) leader. Remember it well.

“Ok~ay, Sei-chan, it had been a while! Gerhilde, thank you for your effort, you were quite fast.”

“Of course, Freya-sama. I am able to make the world smaller without any difficulty if you leave it to me, unlike my elder sister. Eh, who was I referring to?”

Actually, you only have one elder sister since you were the second sister. For god sake, since you were looking down on her, Brynhildr was puffing up her cheek... what... she didn’t...!? She looked happy with her usual smile which was different from the behaviour that I expected. Even though this was the expression that I liked the most... I wondered did something good happen to her.

Then, when I was thinking suspiciously about that, Freya-sama begun to talk on the purpose of gathering us.

“I’m sorry since it’s a bit sudden but... Sei-chan, can you form a trio with the two boars and go to where Heimdallr-sama is?”

“To ‘Bifröst’? Is it fine with just us boar?”

“Yup. Just in case, I had assigned Brynhildr-sama as an overseer and she will accompany you.”

“Huh!! Wait, what’s the matter of this, Nee-sama!? I’m fine to be an overseer without a break.”

“He he, isn’t it a pity Gerhilde. During your absence, I had volunteered myself for that role. Please leave all~ the matter after this to me. Putting that aside... it’s a pleasure to be working with you from now. Sei-san.”

This was a scene where Gerhi-sama who was grinning her inner teeth with regret and Brynhildr-sama who was showing a bright smile.

Oh, what a fierce battle in stealing the job. I didn’t think that being the overseer to us boars was an honourable job but... I bet that their boiling passion toward their job can even cause a sun burn to the Sun Goddess, Sola-sama.

“Look here, shouldn’t you follow their passionate attitude toward job, Helmwege-sama?”

“As if that is passion. I see, so it seems like they were having a battle in stealing the job to you... sigh~”

“Huh, what is with big sigh?”

I didn’t understand it. What exactly were they stealing other than the job? I didn’t think that they were having a battle to steal me... I couldn’t think of anything, I’d review it later as my homework.

“But may I know why are you purposely sending us boar? I believe that there are tons other people with the right talent to entertain her.”

“That’s not true at all. If I had to said it, Sei-chan and the others are like a boar companion. Moreover, my friend, Mardoll and I actually in love~ with boar.”

Ho ho, that explained why I was called. Based on the statement from the Chef Head, Mardoll-sama was from the Vanir God Tribe and she was pretending to be a human now. In another word, it meant that she also worshiped boar as a sacred beast. Somehow it seemed that Freya-sama had already thought of the preparation on the best entertainment when she invited her friend.

“If that is the case, please leave it to me! I will try my best so that your friend will be happy!”

This request was Freya-sama proof of trust toward us... thus I must do my best to fulfil it.

After we were send off by the goddess smile that was able to bewitch all beings, we left the mansion. At the same time, Brynhildr-sama beloved horse, Grani-kun appeared after she made a hand whistle.

“It seems that I had kept your waiting, my master. Let us depart now.”

“Yes, I will be relying on you. Okay... Sei-san please come here.”

Brynhildr-sama extended her hand toward me after she got up to her beloved horse, who came here gallantly, easily. He he he, this time too, I’d be position between her thighs as always.

“Hold it, Saehrimnir. Since this is a good opportunity, I will give you

permission to ride on my back.”

In that moment, after hearing that, my promise paradise was destroyed tragically. Hey Gullinbursti!? Why? Why are you acting like a dere now!?

“Hmph, don’t misunderstand. Since you had become the world most delicious ingredient, I just believe that this is a suitable time for you to experience the speed of the world fastest steed only. You won’t be a world class person if you haven’t experience the amazingness of a world class person.”

Argh... yes... it was an honour that I was recognized by him but I hoped you could restrain yourself this time...

“You had done it, Sei! Previously I was also given the permission to ride on him and Lursti running was quite amazing~ it’s something like you won’t be able to know when he started running and when he stopped.”

“Come... come on Hildi. That was because you had fainted after you were throw off suddenly right?”

What was with that? It seemed that if you didn’t have a world class riding skill, it’d be quite dangerous to the point that it was not recommended to ride on it. Then, I wondered whether the current me was capable of doing that? Even though I had just become more delicious only?

“Ah~... I am grateful for the invitation but... I believe that it’s a bit too soon for me...”

“Ah, I understand. It seems that modesty is one of your virtue after all. It’s nice being modesty but if you are being too modesty it will be a vice instead, so be careful on that. So, hop on! Since there is no need for you to trouble the Valkyrie on purpose right?”

Argh. Your reference was a bit weak... it was a pity but I guess I’d have to depend on Brynhildr-sama.

After I thought of that, I looked up toward Brynhildr-sama but for some reason it seemed that she was embarrassed.

“Um... I have no problem with Sei-san riding with me... as that was my purpose for volunteering to be the overseer...”

Eh? What was that just now? I was able to hear the second half even with proud boar ear.

“Okay. In another word, it means that you are fine if he is not riding with you right?”

“Well, that is half correct and half wrong...”

“You can’t be indecisive. This is something unbelievable but Brynhildr-sama... are you saying that you have an interest on letting Saehrimnir to sit on your lap?”

“That... that’s not true at all! I don’t have any plan to take advantage on this task that was entrusted to me to have excessive physical intimacy at all since the act is despicable! Se... Sei-san? Please do exactly as what Gullinbursti requested for now. Ah~ I am so jealous that you were able to ride on the back of one of the six masterpiece~”

Ah... it seemed that my secret plan was something despicable after all. Since I didn’t want her to think of me as a despicable boar, I had no choice but to give up on this paradise obediently...

“Then... I will take up on your offer.... ‘Mannaz’.”

After I transformed into my human form with the rune of transformation, I hopped on to Gullinbursti back. His gold fur was so soft until there was no need for a saddle at all. His fang that was pointing toward the sky was at a reachable position thus, there was no need for a reins also.

Hmm, I see. So this was the sight of the god that belonged to the war god, Frey-sama only. This was actually quite a nice experience if I thought about it that way.

“Okay, I had done with the preparation. Then... Sleipner’s (the world fastest stead) son, Grani-kun. How about it? Let’s have a match to see who will arrive to the rainbow bridge ‘Bifröst’ first.”

“Hmph... what an easy match, but I will accept it. Since it is an honour to have a match with you, one of the six masterpiece.”

Grani-kun and Gullinbursti were looking toward each other in a cool manner

that gave off spark. Putting aside Hildi who was showing her support as if it did not concern her, Brynhildr-sama took up a forward bent posture, somehow it seemed that she was quite motivated. Okay... since it had turned out like this, I'd do my best and do it in a cool manner!

The signal in my mind was green. Take your position, ready... go!!

“!? So fast!?”

The cry of surprise that was started at the starting point had already gone to a distance. This speed had exceed the speed of the wind as if it was on par with the speed of sound... well I was not quite sure but let just assume that.

(Ah, the wind pressure, I am... unable to... breathe...)

Even without the wind pressure, if I didn't cling tightly on his fang, I'd be throw off immediately. I believed if you don't have Frey-sama riding skill, you wouldn't be able to ride this properly at all.

(Argh... the outcome of the match... it seems that Grani-kun is a bit slower.)

I wanted to win since it was a match. But I ws unable to acknowledge the fact that Gullinbursti would win against the pairing of Brynhildr-sama and Grani-kun. I'd probably be scolded if I were to hinder this serious match but I still wanted to hinder him a bit now.

“Ah! I saw Weisse on our left!”

“What!? Rossweisse-sama!?”

As expected of this super reaction. Since Gullinbursti secretly adored her.

“No, I can't abandon this match at all!”

What, he was able to ignore it!? You... you were quite a great man!

“Ah! It seems that the naked Weisse is starting to take her bath!”

“What!? Tell me the coordinate immediately!!”

It seemed that I managed to catch his attention this time!? You... you were quite a helpless guy!

“Argh!? Damn it, I had decrease my speed...! Arghh!!”

Okay, we had reached the goal just like that. But the winner of the match was Gullinbursti who won by a marginally difference.

“Hey Gullinbursti, you went easy in the end didn’t you? Are you looking down on me?”

Grani-kun demanded an explanation strictly as he saw that Gullinbursti dropped his speed at the final part. The cornered Gullinbursti faltered for a moment, then he replied him with usual attitude.

“It’s true that my speed had dropped but, I am not looking down on you at all. Since I am running with all I have.”

“Then tell me why you drop your speed.”

“That is a bit...”

...yup. It was not possible to say it, right. Somehow... I’m sorry. I will never do it again...

After the fiercely fought match, we had arrived at the rainbow bridge, ‘Bifröst’ in an extremely short time frame. After we met up with Hildi who took her time to arrive, we headed toward the watchman of ‘Bifröst’, Heimdallr-sama mansion.

“Good morning, Heimdallr-sama. I’m Brynhildr-sama, the eldest of the Valkyries sister. We had come to escort our guest.”

We knocked three time on the door of Heimdallr-sama mansion, ‘Himinbjorg’. After we gave a polite greeting, the magnificent door immediately opened with a creak.

Of course, the one who appeared from the inside was the owner. Heimdallr-sama appearance was on par with the handsome yet famous God of Light, Barton-sama and Frey-sama but his attitude was not normal at all.

“Thanks for the hard work. I was aware that you will be coming here.”

“Ah, I see. Heimdallr-sama had good eyesight after all.”

“No. I just heard about it from Ratatoskr who came just now.”

“Eh, um... is that so...”

While ignoring Brynhildr-sama who was showing a stiff smile, Ratatoskr teleported next to Heimdallr-sama shoulder. For god's sake, he was really a squirrel that like to appear out of nowhere.

"Then, I will leave our guest to you. ...Mardoll-sama, please come over here."

"Yes... Ye~s"

! Finally... finally I am able to meet her right? The origin for the name of my Gullveig (Revival ability)... the Golden Goddess, Gullveig...!

"Yahoo~, did I kept you waiting? It so huge!? I spotted a gold boar! Isn't this so cool? The silver boar is quite a beauty, this belong to Freya right? It so cool since it resemble her~!"

Umm... how do I put it, this... it seem that she was like a metropolitan Goddess...

The appearance that came from the inside was wearing a tight clothing with a comfortable tunic that was overflowing with the adult charm of a female. Her long blonde and slightly reddish hair that was tied to a side and the design of the hat that was similar to Freya-sama was also one of her charm point.

Her body style was close to a model. Moreover, she was slightly taller than Waltraute, who was the tallest among the Valkyrie sisters, but her bust was not as big as hers. It was not like I had become speechless okay? Since I was only comparing my impression of her in a light-hearted manner.

"What's this? It seems there is a Chibi. Hi there, Chibi, what's your name~?"

"A, yes! I'm Saehrimnir! Please called me Sei!"

"Sei is it, okay okay! Well~ come on~ what is with this fantastic line-up of boars? For my sake, it seems that Freya had done quite a good job."

Oh, it seemed that she was quite pleased with our first entertainment. Then, let us escort her to Freya-sama mansion while maintaining her current feeling.

But... I must ask her this since we had finally met.

"Um... you are...Gullveig-sama right? The Golden Goddess, Gullveig-sama."

"Hold it... well, that's true but currently I am using Mardoll as my alias, so nice

to meet you.”

“Okay! Nice to meet you too, Mardoll-sama! But... Gullveig-sama is a special person to me after all...”

In that moment, Brynhildr-sama was surprised—from what I perceived but it seemed that was true since she was whistling with her hand (she is not really doing it) while looking afar.

“Hee, the Gullveig that is inside of me is special? Why?”

“Well, that is because I possess a similar ability with Gullveig-sama! The ability to revive!”

“!”

The moment when Mardoll-sama heard that, she opened her eye widely in surprise. I continued on since the joy of our encounter had bested me.

“After Odin-sama had informed me about your ability, I gotten interested in it and started to investigate about it... then I named my revival ability after you as if it was normal. It might seem a bit selfish but... but that is because,”

“Hold it.”

Mardoll-sama stopoed my rattle with her single statement and crouched down so that our eyes met each other. Just when I thought about the reason, Mardoll-sama mumbled while staring at me.

“Since you aware that you possess that ability, does that mean Chibi had died before?”

That voice was totally different from my first impression of her as it was quite stern. I worried for a short moment but I answered her honestly since I was asked.

“Yes, that’s right. Due to various reasons, the frequency had decease drastically but... before this, I died every single night. That is because I am working as a food ingredient. If I am unable to do that, then someone like me have no right to stay at ‘Valhalla’.”

The moment I answered her, the atmosphere become quite stiff. Huh, did I... said something bad...?

When I became worried about that, Mardoll-sama who was in front of me suddenly put her hand on top of my head. Then, she said this with teary eyes.

“You are really a fool... everyone is a fool but you are stupid in a different way.”

“Huh? Are you praising me?”

“I am not. Since I am shocked and I feel pity toward you.”

Since she was pitying me on our first encounter, did that mean that I was living a horrible life up until now? Well... even if that was true, I actually hated to remain in the stiff atmosphere than that.

“I don’t mind that at all since I was able to experience various event like a lunch party, ‘Odin style drinking’ and the ‘bra lottery’.”

“Bra!?”

After hearing I said that happily, Brynhildr-sama let out a strange voice since she was surprised by it.

“Hold it, what is it~? Putting aside the lunch party, I think I had heard other few strange words right~? Is there any chance you knew what happened?”

“No, I don’t know anything! Since I had forgotten completely about that already~!!”

“Ah, hold it. Yo, I want YOU to tell me everything~!”

Mardoll-sama chased after Brynhildr-sama as she dashed out of the mansion. After I looked toward Gullinbursti and Hildi, we went after them.

“So, Heimdallr-sama, we will be taking our leave now.”

“Roger. ...hold it, Saehrimnir. About the matter just now...”

Heimdallr-sama called out to me the moment I went out. He said this with an unusual expression as if he was pitying me.

“About the ‘Bra lottery’, please tell me in detail next time.”

Then, I left the place without saying anything.

On our way back, Mardoll-sama rode on Hildi, as she was the only one

available, and then we went back to Freya mansion slowly.

Freya-sama, who seemed like she was bored of waiting, was in front of the open gate of 'Fólkvangr'.

"Mardoll~! Welcome! It's been a long time~, how are you?"

"Hey, Fre-chan, course fine! Can't you see it based on my appearance~!"
(Purposely wrong)

"Mardoll... it seems you have change..."

"Ah, no, this way of talking is quite popular in the human realm... so I am doing fine. Thank you for your worry, Freya."

It seemed that you were just pretending to talk in that gal manner. The truth was you were able to talk normally in a serious way right..?

"But Freya, why did you suddenly invite me to your concert? I had somehow awared that you are doing idol related thing from the rumour but this is the first time you invited me to your concert right?"

Mardoll-sama asked that with the meek expression that I saw previously. Toward that, Freya-sama gave a simple smile and turn her body while spreading her hand.

"Mardoll, look at this, 'Asgard' is quite peaceful right? I believe it is the same as 'Midgard' tio."

"Well, yea, it had been quite peaceful for a while now. As if there is no progress on gathering the Einherjars."

"Yup. But... this is a momentarily peace only. That is because Mimir-sama prophecy will surely come. Moreover, we won't know when the Armageddon, 'Ragnarok' will happen. There is a chance that it is getting closer while we are talking now. That's why... before that happens, I would like you to listen to my song. That is because you are my precious friends after all."

All of us become unexpectedly quiet after hearing that.

That right—since the prophecy from the God of Prophecy, Mimir-sama would always happen. Moreover, we were informed from a long time ago that the Armageddon would happen.

“The reason why I planed to hold a concert was because everyone had lose their smiles due the fear of ‘Ragnarok’. I was quite satisfied on the fact that everyone regained their happiness through my song, that was why I choose to continue singing!”

“That is just an official stance but the truth is you just want to be fawn over only.”

“Hey, over there, don’t go and tell anyone my true intention nonchalantly.”

At first, I thought that it was a remarkable but it wasn’t remarkable at all!

“That is because, if I had to say it, aren’t I pretty cute? I was being pampered in the past but the feeling of it was more amazing during my concert. All the Gods~ were in high spirit! There was even a time where Odin-Oji-sama got dragged away by the security since he was being too crazy in the front row.”

Hey, Chief God, were you fine with that. It was a bit pathetic for your age.

“Since that’s the case, Mardoll please enjoy the super concert from the super idol, Freya-sama! Even though I said that, the concert is the day after tomorrow, so please feel free to relax until then but... may I ask where did you plan to stay?”

“Ah, I had already decided that.”

“Is that so? Where is it?”

Freya-sama asked her in an unexpected manner where even I was surprised by it. Since Mardoll-sama had just arrived in ‘Asgard’ a while ago, I wondered what was the deciding factor for her in choosing her lodging. Were they any tourism brochure being distributed in ‘Bifröst’?

When I tilted my head while thinking about that, my line of sight suddenly change. Huh? It seemed like I was being hug by Mardoll-sama.

“I will be staying at this person room.”

“Eh... what did you said just now?”

Hold it, the statement just now was quite strange. I had a feeling that she just said that she would be staying in my room but... no, this was just my imagination. Okay, time for the second retake.

“As I said just now, I will be staying at this person room.”

“Eeh—!?” x3

By the way, the one who shouted out was Freya-sama and I and also Brynhildr-sama. I couldn't hold my shout as this was not a joke at all. But my expression let out sign of joy... in a gentleman manner.

“My... my room, are you serious? Why!?”

“Well, we are already lover right? Since our relationship gauge was MAX out as we are connected through ‘Gullveig’!”

“No, that is true but... are you fine since my room only have a table, chair, bed and shelf?”

“That is more than enough. It looks as if it was a human room.”

“You... you do know that is a room with a guy who is living alone right?”

“That's great! Then, there is no need for me to be reserved.”

“But I only have one single size bed only...”

“I normally sleep on the couch as I don't have a bed. Let's take this chance and warm each other.”

.... Tonight, I might take another step toward adulthood. He he, good bye the human of ‘Valhalla’. Even though I am a boar, to think that you al...

“—I reject!!”

In that moment, there was a loud shout that came from the door of ‘Fólkvangr’. The one who shouted was surprisingly Brynhildr-sama.

“I am against it, on the matter on sharing the bed! The mansion of the deceased, ‘Valhalla’ is a pandemonium place which is dominated by those barbarians that desire for alcohol, meat and women. I will not allow our guest to stay in such hellish place at all!”

Hold it, my workplace was not like how she described okay? Since I had to stay at the top floor of that place for quite some time okay? It sounded like a demon king was living there.

“If that was the case, then what should I do? Hildr-chi.”

Mardoll-sama said as if she was either testing her or warning her. Brynhildr-sama, as if she already had an idea, put her hand near her chest and declare.

“I will also be staying in Sei-san room also. As a bodyguard!”

“!? This is an unexpected development... ahem! That’s a great idea, Brynhildr! Then, I will leave... Mardoll to you okay? Sei-chan, do report to me about the development afterward. I shall wait for your interestingf... I meant your report! Good luck!”

Freya-sama gave her consent with any hesitation. Moreover, she was showing a serious expression on the surface but I believed that deep down she was having fun from this. Since she was laughing in a mischievous manner.

As if it had started to become a habit, I said it without having any thought to it.

“How did this happen...”

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After we had settle with Mardoll-sama lodging (?), the three of us, Brynhildr-sama, Mardoll-sama and I, turned our backs toward ‘Fólkvangr’. Our destination was of course, the lodging which was ‘Valhalla’.

To the top floor of the employee dorm that used to be a storage room. That was the only palace that was given to me, the brown boar, Saehrimnir. Even though I said that, it was not that grand at all. Even if it was a bit rotten, it was still one of the room in the fifth building of the God mansion, ‘Gladshheim’. Well, it could be easily guessed that it was far different from the economy class.

“Um...why don’t we go and check in first?”

While I was trouble by my manner of speaking, I enquire Mardoll-sama on that. But she shook her head side way and propose this instead.

“No. Since I don’t have much luggage, it’s fine for us to make the room as our final destination. Putting that aside, Sei-chi and Hildr-chi, please take me on the rumour ‘Valhalla’ tour.”

Brynhildr-sama and I looked toward each other together as Mardoll-sama

requested us by giving a formal bow. It seemed that it was near lunchtime now after I had confirmed the time.

“The ‘Valhalla kitchen’ will be the perfect place for the tour but... I wonder will it be alright if we were to go there now. Since it happens to be their peak hour now.”

“You’re right~, what should we do... why don’t we just try and head there first? If we are going to be a bother to them, then we will just have to be obedient and leave the place.”

“Yup. Then, let’s go.”

We had decided on the first place of the tour after our short discussion, which was the kitchen.

As the Einherjars was still in the middle of their exercise, we head toward the empty corridor. The other side of the familiar steel door was surrounded by the usual uneasiness clatter.

“Hey, don’t use it all on the amuse-bouche! Make sure you leave some for the fried shrimp!”

“I’m sorry! I will compile it now! Ah, the kirsch will be ready in thirty second!”

“Okay! By the way, Chef Head! I had finish with the preparation for La Paix over here!”

“Thank you! Then, go and cut the cheese after you had done with the kirsch! Make it bite size!”

“Roger!”

As usual the order from the Chef Head was all over the place. The other staff also try their best to follow it. The kitchen was like a battleground as it close to lunchtime which was also known as the peak hour. The liveliness of the kitchen was the same regardless whether it was for lunch or dinner.

“Um... Chef Head. You are occupied at the moment right...?”

“Hm? Ah, Sei-kun. That right, I will cry in joy even if I got help from a cat.” (A Japanese idiom which mean I accept help from anyone)

Isn't that right...? Yup~ I planed to just give him my greeting but it seemed like this was a bad timing.

"Mardoll-sama. It seems like they are currently busy so let come back to the kitchen another time..."

"Huh, Sei-kun, did you just said Mardoll-sama... then, this person is!?"

As soon as the Chef Head heard me with his sharp ear, he took off his chef hat and ran out of the kitchen. Then, he immediately bowed down politely and introduced himself.

"It's a pleasure to meet you, Mardoll-sama. I was chosen by Freya-sama to serve as the Chef Head of the 'Valhalla Kitchen', my name is Andhrímnir. I'm pleased to make your acquaintance."

"Oh~ so you are the Chef Head. I had heard of you. Since I will be staying in 'Valhalla' starting from tonight, I have a high expectation for the dinner! So nice to meet you!"

"!...Yes! I will do my best in order to meet your expectation!"

The Chef Head who was overcome by his emotion gave a deep bow since Mardoll-sama had spoken to him, then he returned back to the kitchen.

...That right. No matter how busy he was, the Chief would have to give an immediate response once they were called by the customer. That was an inviolable rule for a Chef. It did not matter whether it was a praise or a ridiculous request.

Especially the Chef Head as he was indebted to Freya-sama for choosing him. Once he saw Freya-sama's friend, he went and greeted her while putting aside his current task.

"It was a good thing that we came here right, Sei-san."

Brynhildr-sama showed a smile while she said that as if it was about herself. Yup... I had the same thought as well. Since the happiness of a master was also the happiness of his disciples. This was the moment where I was able to experience that.

"Then next is... why don't we go and take a look at Heizu-chan milking room?"

“That sounds great. After that, we can go to the big farm as it was just round the corner.”

After I had agree with Brynhildr-sama suggestion, I went and propose on our third location.

After we walked pass the pantry that was next to the kitchen, we headed deeper toward the corridor to the annex where Heizu milking room was located.

“Hello. Heizu, are you here?”

After I knocked on the door with my hoof, a girl face immediately look at us from the inside.

“Huh? Aren’t you Ikusu?”

“Oh, Oshishou-sama! Hello! What matter do you have with Heizu-san?”

The one who greeted us energetically was my disciple, Ikusu. Moreover, she was in her human form. I wondered what she was doing in the milking room. Don’t... don’t tell me that Ikusu was also milking?

“Haha, come on, please don’t look at me with that kind of face. I came to visit her since I had just become friend with Heizu-san recently.”

Ah, I had no problem if that was the case.

After the previously cooking battle, Ikusu took the opportunity to get closer to Heizu as they were on the same team. After all, both of them were herbivorous and also were girls. Moreover, their workplace were also close to each other, thus this might be the best environment for them to improve their relationship.

To think that she managed to make a friend in this short time span after she replied to me in a pitiful manner when I pointed out that she didn’t have friend. ‘Yesterday colleague is today friend’, friendship was such a beautiful thing wasn’t it.

...huh? Heizu was also a colleague to me but... yesterday she mentioned that she didn’t even had ‘one’ friend, then did that mean I... no it was impossible. Heizu and I were just friends that didn’t purposely talk to each other only.

“Hey, are you the owner of this milking room? If that was the case, your

breast seems a bit lacking so what kind of animal are you?”

“I’m a deer... hey, Oshishou-sama. May I ask who she is? Isn’t it a bit rude of her since this was our first time meeting each other?”

It seemed that Ikusu had become good at reading the atmosphere since she spoke softly on the after half. While I was moved by the growth of my disciple, I answered her softly too.

“Please don’t mind her, Ikusu. She had no ill intention at all since she is someone important.”

“Eh, an important person!? Um... please come in as it would be rude for us to talk while standing!”

We accepted the invitation and headed in the milking room. Let me said this first, this was just Heizu workplace only and she had a personal room somewhere else but... normally she wouldn’t leave this room without any special reason. The reason was that she was eagerly waiting for the moment to start milking... which was not true at all.

I thought it might be because this place was the closest place to the kitchen where the Chef Head was located. Moreover, Ikusu was also present here.

“Hm. Se-tan, Brynhildr-sama, good afternoon. ...and who?”

Heizu tilted her head with her usual emotionless expression as she saw an unfamiliar face among the guests. She was also in her human form just like Ikusu.

The moment she saw that huge breast loli, the number of goddess with an eye like a dead fish increased to one.

“Whoa, a huge loli. Is this for serious? She had such a huge breast. No matter how you see it, she is the owner but... Sei-chi, is she a Holstein?”

“No, she is a baby sheep.”

“Ah~ so she is Baphomet. For god sake, this is why lewd pink...”

It seemed that Mardoll-sama was in a foul mood for some reason but was it because she realized that she had poor br... I mean a small size? I wondered was it a bad idea to bring her here...

“? This person, what is she saying up until now? Is she angry?”

“Ah, please don’t mind her, Heizu-chan. The person here is Mardoll-sama. She is a friend of Freya-sama and the important guest of ‘Asgard’.”

Brynhildr-sama introduced Mardoll-sama in a hurry to the doubtful Heizu as she was awared of the strange atmosphere. The moment she heard that Mardoll-sama was Freya-sama friend, she immediately relaxed her guard.

“Since she is Freya-sama friend, then let Heizu entertain her. Here you go (strip)”

You are too relax!? Don’t... don’t tell me that Heizu want Mardoll-sama to experience the ‘Odin style drinking’!?

“Ahhh! Sei-san, please don’t look!!”



(Note: By Odin's beard what is that mysterious light!???)

Brynhildr-sama immediately blocked my vision with both her hand. As expected of her reflex but I was also a bit disappointed from the bottom of my heart.

“Hold... why you are exposing your breast! Are you telling me to milk it directly!? Using my mouth!? ...I, I will do it! Don't you underestimate a former Vanir God!”

“What is with that logic!? Ah, I see! So... so this is the rumour ‘Odin drinking style’!?”

I could feel that Brynhildr-sama temperature was increasing slowly as she was looking at this tremendous scenery of the real deal in front of her.

But my vision still remained as zero, the only thing I could see was darkness. Well I could enjoy it by listening to the sound but it a pity that... nothing can be hidden from me as I possessed the ‘mind eyes’ which was a ability that every gentleman had.

Don't think. Don't feel. Just ‘look’ only. You had to change your sense to sight. The eye that was created from the imagination which resided in my heart. This god-like ability, it was time for you to reveal yourself—

“—I see it! I finally saw it! The drop of water!”

This was from my clear and serene heart. This vision ability that had reached it maximum potential was able to look through Brynhildr-sama hands and I had certainly carved the noble sight in my heart.

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The time had passed, it was night-time now. The long awaited time had finally arrived.

“Ah~! This is the best~! This ultimate dish from Chef And is awesome, as if a God had arrive, to think that such dish existed~”

Overall, the entertainment for Mardoll-sama on the first day of her visit was quite successful.

The ultimate menu combo that the Chef Head created after many much trouble had delighted Mardoll-sama tongue. The moment we reached my room after we came back from the big canteen, she immediately dived toward my bed as if she was still enjoying the aftertaste.

Actually the dish was supposed to be served in the tea party that would be held after the concert but... well there was no choice if the order was messed up. Since the order for the meal and the concert were not that important.

Moreover, what was more important... was the thing that would be happening now.

“Um~... That... what will we do on the sleeping arrangement?”

I enquired that with the excitement that I was unable wipe off. The one who answered my enquiry was Brynhildr-sama who was standing still at the entrance of the room.

“I won’t sleep. As I am a watchmen. It will be a sleepless duty.”

The appearance of her which declared that in a monotonous manner and didn’t even bother to look at us, made me feel a bit sorry and scared.

A sleepless duty, I wondered what she was protecting Mardoll-sama from?

“I think you shouldn’t force yourself as you are not Heimdallr-sama who is fine without sleeping. In the first place, I doubt there will be anyone who will launch a surprise attack on ‘Valhalla’ which is under Odin-sama control.”

“There a possibility for it! It might come from the inside! As Mardoll-sama is their current target!”

Brynhildr-sama shouted out with her eyes wide open. That... that was not referring to me right? You were referring to the Einherjars right?

“It’s~ fine~ Hildr-chi~. Since I am the Golden Goddess, Gullveig. I will be able to resurrect if anything happens. Right~ Sei-chi~?”

After Mardoll-sama got up from the bed, she stretched her hands out and hugged me. Just like that she lowered her body and bed in again. Did it mean

that it was okay for me to remain in the current position to night?

If this was what the Goddess wanted, there was no need for me to struggle at all. To all gentlemen, let's just be honest and become a body pillow for today.

“~~! Ma...Mardoll-sama, I will go and check on our surrounding. Will it be okay for me to borrow Sei-san since I'd better to do it in a two man cell?”

The moment when she had decided on that, Brynhildr-sama picked me up from my nape. Ah, it seemed my bed for tonight was quite far... but since I'd be able to talk with my beloved Brynhildr-sama throughout the night, this itself was not so bad at all.

“Hmm? Does both of you plan to leave the bodyguard target behind at the same time? Do explain, the present Valkyrie-san.”

“Argh... that...”

In front of the hesitated Brynhildr-sama, Mardoll-sama stretched out her hand with a proud victory smile. Brynhildr-sama showed a troubled expression as she was unable to deny it and she returned me to the hand that was stretched out.

Yup... I had realize it now after all this. It seemed that Brynhildr-sama was trying to separate us from sleeping together. On the other hand, Mardoll-sama was expressing her desire to sleep together with me.

If that was the case, what was the right thing for me to do? Since I didn't want to choose one side only. Despite of that, I also couldn't reject both of them.

Then... I'd just have to change. To a thing that was able to fulfill both of their desire.

If it was the current me who had comprehend 100% of my potential as the curse ring, Andvaranaut... I was sure that I will be able to do it!

“[...I worship you the skull of Ymir; Kiss his body. Now I ask for permission to expose the Divine Omniscience sacred matter. Make the color change, let encounter, departure, reconcile and solitary become a reality! The twenty rune of Futhark, mannaz!]

Those words that resounded in the night air and there was a tremendous

shine that light up the whole room.

“Sei-san!? What are you doing all of a sudden...!?”

“This is the rune of transformation...!? Sei-chi, don’t tell me...!”

The voice from the two who were surprised was swallowed by the light. After a few seconds, the light disappeared and the darkness returned. When their vision was revert back to normal, my post transformation appearance was exposed.

After I wipe out all my worldly desire, I activated my last mannaz. That was—
[—I will become the bed itself]

Ba-dum! How is it! ...Well, it’s not like this was my last.

Together with my fighting spirit, I had transformed myself into a king sized elegant bed. Actually I had always wanted to sleep on a bed like this and I was able to transform into one since I still had memory of it after I browsed through the catalogue when I was at my parent house.

[Come on, both of you! Now, the three of us can get along with each other and sleep together! Please try and lay down on it!]

“Whoa~ doesn’t this look so comfortable...”

“Get along with the three of us, doesn’t this seem a bit odd...?”

Somehow it seemed that both of them were dumbfounded by this. Despite of that, the both of them stopped their argument and quietly fall asleep while surrounding themselves in my warmth.

With this, this conflict had been resolved. Regardless of my appearance, I was quite happy since I was able to experience both of their body warmth at the same time.

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The next morning after I woke up from a good sleep which I hadn’t experience before.

Although we had come back to my room after we stuffed ourselves with the

delicious meal, we had become bored immediately.

Despite of that, Freya-sama concert was tomorrow. In another word, we had nothing to do for today.

“Sigh~ to think that I can only thought of shiritori at this time only, sigh~. Hey, Hildir-chi~ do you have anything~ interesting?”

(Shiritori = Japanese word game, where the connect a word by using the last letter of the previous word)

“Let’s see.... If that’s the case, how about we do this?”

The thing that Brynhildir-sama proposed was a sightseeing trip of ‘Asgard’.

“Oh! That is a great idea! What do you think of that? Mardoll-sama.”

Since I had never wandered around ‘Asgard’ for sightseeing purpose, so I greatly approved on Brynhildir-sama suggestion. But...

“Sightseeing is it... Well, it’s not a bad idea but...”

Mardoll-sama said that on the preface but somehow it seemed that she was not that motivated by it.

Then, I inquired her on the reason, it seemed that in the past Mardoll-sama—when she was still known as Gullveig-sama, she had stayed in ‘Asgard’ for a duration. But that happened a few hundred years ago and at that time it seemed that Mardoll-sama was being kept at Odin-sama mansion, ‘Valaskjálf’ for some unknown reason.

“Were you being confined...? May I know how did that happen?”

I went and asked her as I was overwhelmed by my own curiosity. Then, Mardoll-sama looked upward as if she was reminiscient about the past and she said this with her eyes closed.

“Well, there is various reason to it okay? It’s not something pleasant, so let’s just put this aside.”

I remained silent after I heard her reply. As a gentleman, I shouldn’t force her to reveal her past if she didn’t wish to talk about. It was a pity but I would stop here.

“Well about that, it somehow ends up like that once I remember a bit about it. I feel a bit reluctant but let’s go with that, the suggestion from Brynhildr-chi.”

Mardoll-sama showed us her usual cheerful face while she said that.

Thus...Brynhildr-sama, Mardoll-sama and I started on our sightseeing trip of ‘Asgard’.

The first spot that we went to was at the North of ‘Asgard’.

A mansion was located there which belonged to the strongest warrior of all the God Realm, Thor-sama. That mansion, ‘Bilskirnir’ that stood on the steep mountain range as if it had joined with mountain— was our objective.

“Please look down there. That is the famous mansion that belongs to Thor-sama, ‘Bilskirnir’. It is also the largest building in the God Realm.”

“Ha ha! I was able to spot it before you even said that! But still it’s huge... putting aside ‘Midgard’, even the building in ‘Vanaheim’ is not as big as that.”

While Grani-kun was galloping, Mardoll-sama was dumbfounded by the beautiful scenery that was viewed from the sky. By the way, I was located in Brynhildr-sama hand. Since she was flying beside of Grani-kun.

“Normally unauthorized personnels are not allowed to enter but... why don’t we go and ask for permission.”

After receiving the signal from Brynhildr-sama, Grani-kun landed on the ground. Even though we landed near to the entrance of the mansion, it didn’t seem like anyone would be coming out immediately.

“Huh? Is no one home? Excuse me~! It Brynhildr!”

Even though we tried to knock on the door, there was no reply at all. Just when we had given up on this... and planned to take off to the sky, suddenly the ground gave a huge tremor.

“Ah!? An earthquake...!? The magnitude is quite high also!”

We didn’t experience any earthquake after the world tree collapse accident. Then, the moment when we braced ourselves for the worst case scenario... the tremor stopped and there was no aftershock after that.

“Wh... what was that just now...?”

“I’m also unsure on that. But it’s better if we check whether there is any damage in our surrounding,”

“Oh? He~y! What’s this, aren’t you Hrimnir!!”

...huh? There was only one person who would called me with that nickname. That voice belong to...

“Thor-sama! Where did you go?”

Thor-sama came from the backdoor instead of the front door of his house. When I asked him on that, his reply to this was something that was quite unexpected.

“Well, I just went and did some cleaning. At the back hill.”

“The back hill... eeeeh!? Are... are you referring to the mountain that was behind of your mansion... it’s gone!”

Hold it! I don’t understand even though I shouted that.

I went toward the back to confirm but the mountain that linked to the back of the mansion was smashed into smithereens. Thanks to that, the mansion had become quite a sunny place.

“Don’t... don’t tell me that... you destroyed a mountain for the sake of the sun exposure?”

“That’s right! I just ba-dump it with my Mjolnir!!”

Between Mjolnir and Thor-sama, which was the one that was more amazing? Putting that aside, I wondered why he went and did that...

“Well, it’s because. I request that you don’t speak of this to anyone else but... it seems that my concubine ‘Jarnsaxa’... had somehow become pregnant.”

“!!” x3

In that moment, all three of us become surprised as we hold our breath. It was a common reaction since we heard such an auspicious news!

“Congratulation!!”

“Thank you. Well, because of that, I was a bit worried about the sun exposure of the room as I will become father to two child... maybe. Moreover, Sif and the others are busy taking care of Jarnsaxa.”

(Note: the 2 sons that u'll kill in god of war 4)

I see, that explained why no one came out after we knocked on the door.

Well~... I didn't expect this at all. To think that I was able to witness the gentle side of Thor-sama and heard an auspicious news at the same time. It seemed that both Brynhildr-sama and Mardoll-sama was quite happy with the news about the baby, which made me think that it was a great idea to come to 'Bilskirnir'.

Then—we headed to our next destination while hoping to experience something that was better than that.

Our next destination after we parted way with Thor-sama was toward the East. To the apple orchard where the caretaker of the golden apple, the Goddess Idun-sama lived at.

Normally I'd use the 'rainbow void' to teleport but this was the first time that I headed there via the sky.

“So, Mardoll-sama. Can you see the mansion that is sparkling over there? That is the lifeline of us, the God Tribe, the Golden Apple orchard.”

The Golden Apple that maintained one's youth. It was a necessity thing to the Gods.

The Gods had a longer lifespan than other living beings but that were not immortal like the Giants. In 'Asgard', it was an unspoken rule that one must eat the apple at a fixed interval to maintain their youth.

“Ah~, sure... sure... the Golden Apple is it. I know about that, I am quite well aware of that. The reason why the first seed was able to bear fruit... was all because of me.”

“Eh? What do you meant by that...”

The first apple was born due to Mardoll-sama... that meant that Mardoll-sama was an ancient goddess that existed since that time right? If that was the case,

then there was something odd about this.

Since the apple took a long time to bear its fruits and because it was a bit late when they took a bite of it, Odin-sama and the other ancient gods remained with their old aged appearance. If Mardoll-sama lived at the same era as Odin-sama, then it would be odd if she was not the same age as him.

I was pretty sure that the Vanir tribe would still age as Freya-sama who belonged to the Vanir Tribe that ate the apple to maintain her youth. If that was the case, did it mean that she had a long lifespan like Loki...?

“Is there any chance that Mardoll-sama was a mix between the Vanir and Giants? ...huh, if that was the case, then you should have had an odd eye just like Loki but...”

“Okay, let’s stop~ here. I have no comment on that. Well, let’s enjoy our trip while putting aside those matters.”

Mardoll-sama clapped her hand as she evaded the topic. I was unable to read her expression from that easygoing attitude of her but... I was slowly aware that she was a woman filled with a lot of mystery.

Well, as she said it herself, it was best to not think on those unknown matters.

Okay. I wondered where the caretaker of the important apple orchard, Idun-sama was...?

“Ah, instead of her mansion, it seems that she was over there. Let’s go and greet her right away.”

Brynhildr-sama took the lead while guiding Grani-kun as she was the first one to discover Idun-sama. When we were at a range where we could hear her voice, we heard her grand monologue.

“La~ La la la~ La la~, La~~~. Hey everyone, what do you think of my singing? Ah! I am being more lively than normal? Eh, that is all because of everyone! As I am able to hear the sound that was made from everyone smile. Listen here. You are able to smile even if you are crying deep inside. Since I am able to hear it as a sound. I will never miss out any sound okay? Since the beat will only match a moment only.”

Yup~, Idun-sama poem was as great today as well... until I wanted to continue acting as a by passer and pass through here.

“Idun-sama, good afternoon. How are you?”

“Oh, you are the Valkyrie... la la~ Brynhildr right! I’m fine, you came at a right time as I thinking of having my tea time now. If you are fine with it, let’s have some tea together?”

“That’s great. Please let me join you.”

Just like that, we were invited to Idun-sama tea party.

The place that Idun-sama guided us to while skipping was the small terrace that was beside the red brick mansion. My chest gave a throb in reflex by this usual elegance.

“Here you go, it’s apple tea. It was made by boiling the water that was filled with the apple skin. For your information, I only use the normal red apple.”

Boil with apple skin...? Oh, I thought that the apple tea was made by adding fruit juice to the red tea instead. I thought that I had made a good progress in the path of a chef but to think that there was an enigma in such place.

“Normal is it. Well, I’m fine with that. If the golden apple were used instead, then Sei-chi’s youth will remain forever like this.”

“That’s true... I once worry about whether I should ate the golden apple before my body reach the golden age or not.”

Both Brynhildr-sama and Mardoll-sama were mumbling about that.

By the way, the golden apple did not ‘maintain’ one youth instead, it ‘returned’ one to the age when they ate it. It was nice to see a young Valkyrie based on the appearance but... I wondered how they determined when to eat the apple.

Since I had gotten a bit curious on it, I asked Brynhildr-sama about that.

“For example, the sixth sister, Helmwige has the youngest appearance among the sister right? Why did she ate the apple at such a young age?”

“Ah~... the reason is quite simple as she ate it because she can’t hold back the

desire as it looks so delicious.”

What a simple reason.... It seemed like something that she would do but...

“La La. Actually I also intend to eat it around Helmwig age but.”

Then, Idun-sama joined in our conversation while grinning. Ho ho, then what happened?

“If I do that, I won’t receive any strange look when I sing my poem right?”

“It seems you realize that you had receive strange look...”

If that was the case, then you should stop that. Even though I thought about that, it was a bit rude to say that out.

“Actually your poem was quite nice. Fu fu, why don’t you try to compose the lyric for Freya song?”

“!!”

After hearing the unexpected suggestion from Mardoll-sama, Idun-sama stood up at a momentum that caused her chair to fall down.

“I will... request her next time...! Please hear this, the heart throbbing rhythm. Just like how the star glitter in the night sky, my heart is experiencing a meteor shower! Ah, I must go and request her! I sure it will be granted! That is because the star is inside of me!”

Whoa, it seemed that she was motivated in doing that already. Both your heart and eyes gave off the shine like a star.

“The star is inside of me.... That phrase, it quite amazing...”

Huh!? Bad news, it seemed like Brynhildr-sama was poisoned!

For god’s sake, could you stop laughing and be responsible for this? Mardoll-sama.

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After this and that, it was almost evening now.

After we return to ‘Valhalla’ via the sky, we reminiscenced about the events

today while our back were facing the sunset.

“Ah~! Today was more fun than expected! Thank you!”

“Your welcome, I am glad you’re happy. Do you have anything else you want to see? I would glad take you there if it’s nearby.”

As expected of Brynhildr-sama as she didn’t forget to be considerate of others. But since we had flew a great distance today, I was sure that Mardoll-sama was exhausted also.

Despite of that... it seemed that Mardoll-sama still had some place in mind.

“Oh, that’s great, Brynhildr-chi! If that’s the case, can you fulfil my last request? First, I would like to go to... ‘Fólkvangr’... can you take me to there?”

It seemed that Mardoll-sama had a hard time in saying that. I wondered why, since it was just a request to go to Freya-sama mansion right?

“Okay, ‘Fólkvangr’ is it. What do you plan to do after you reach there?”

“Well~... I guess it might be something impossible even as a friend. I actually have a sm~all request since she had invite me to come here.”

“? What kind of request is it?”

“Hm~, I will speak of it once we reach there. So let’s just head there first.”

Even though I felt that she was being quite evasive, we didn’t had any rights to reject it at all. As requested, Brynhildr-sama changed our destination to ‘Fólkvangr’ instead of ‘Valhalla’.

We reached our destination in a short amount of time.

After that, the three of us head inside toward the spacious private room of Freya-sama.

“Huh? Mardoll, what are you doing here even though it close to dinner now? Is it because the meal from Chef And does not suit your taste?”

After seeing Mardoll-sama came at such an odd timing, Freya-sama who was lying on the bed immediately jumped up.

But Mardoll-sama denial the worry from Freya-sama.

“No, that’s not it. Chef And’s meals are godly amazing, so please rest assured on that. Actually... there is some~thing I like to see since I had been invited to ‘Asgard’. I hope I can see it before the concert start.”

“There is something you want to see? What is it?”

“...‘Brisingamen’. The necklace that Freya treasure so much.”

Brisingamen—also known as the necklace of Brisinga.

I had once seen it from afar. That necklace was a priceless treasure that was created by the Dwarf and it was a favourite necklace of Freya-sama. She would always wear it during the concert as if it was a charm.

“Well, I was quite interested ever since Freya told me about it in the past. I even went and did some investigation about it. I found out that it was the best accessory in the nine worlds and every women desired for it! So, this is the only time for me to look at it up close! Once I thought about that, I was unable to hold back my desire... is it okay?”

“Ha ha, so it was that only. Of course, it fine for you to see it, since it a request from Mardoll.”

“Seriously!? Woah~ is this serious! Ya~hoo! Freya, you’re the best! You are really a friend that is worth to be cherished~!”

The high spirit Mardoll-sama was so delighted until she shook her hand in a cheerful manner.

After seeing Mardoll-sama cheerfulness, Freya-sama guided us toward the necklace storage in a cheerful manner.

“Okay, this is the most inner part of my ‘Fólkvangr’. Which serves as the storage for Brisingamen.”

Freya-sama poured in her magical power after she touched the door with both her hand. Then, due to some kind of mechanism, the door vanished after it released a rainbow colour glow.

“Oh~~... this is... this is the legendary Brisingamen...! It’s so beautiful...!”

The golden necklace was displayed on the torso of the mannequin. Just when I thought the centre was a burning fire, it was just a big bright red gem that was

glowing instead and that gem was surrounded with the small blue gem.

It was already quite amazing as we were just looking at it through the transparent showcase. But in front of this beauty, even the ever-lasting proud diamond was just like a common pebble beside the road.

“...hmm? Huh... wait, this...”

“? What’s the matter Mardoll? Ah, I get it now, you want to try wearing it right?”

“No... that is a bit... should I refrain myself from doing that, because...”

...hmm? What was it... even I was able to understand it. Based on the appearance, Mardoll-sama was acting a bit strange.

“There is no need for you to refrain yourself... since it’s an irreplaceable object, even I get a bit tense while wearing this~”

“Is that true? Please let me wear it for a while!”

“You can~’t.”

“Hmph, Freya-sama is so unfair.”

... it seemed that Freya-sama and Brynhildr-sama had yet to realize it. But... there was no mistake for this. Mardoll-sama was hiding something—

—after we left ‘Fólkvangr’, we headed toward ‘Valhalla’.

We returned back to my room for a short rest before we enjoyed our dinner.

Once we return, Mardoll-sama immediately jumped toward the bed and gave off a sigh while lying flat down. I was unable to see her expression from my current location.

Despite of that... I felt that this was something I needed to ask her now.

“Mardoll-sama.”

“Hmm?”

“About the matter just now... once you saw Freya-sama’s Brisingamen, you were acting a bit strange right? What happened?”

“... Hee~, this is quite a surprise since Sei-chi normally acts like a fool. If that’s

the case... okay. I wonder should I request your help in this.”

After hearing that profound mutter, Brynhildr-sama who was standing near the entrance tilted her head. I remained silence as if I was requesting her to continue.

As if she was force to comply with our desire, Mardoll-sama told us this slowly... with a grim expression.

“That Brisingamen... is cursed.”

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Chapter 3 – The colour of the counterfeit concert

– To think that Freya-sama necklace, Brisingamen was cursed—

The next morning after the night of that shocking truth was reveal. Normally I would be delighted since today was the day of Freya-sama concert.

Despite of that... I welcomed the day with the feeling of uneasiness.... The moment when I heard the unbelievable word ‘curse’ that I hadn’t heard recently, I became gloomy right away.

“Mardoll-sama. Can you tell me more about the curse on Brisingamen?”

Since it was late yesterday, we planned to continue that tomorrow— which was today, but before we talked about that, we went through our usual daily routine normally. Despite of that, I was able to put this aside as we had returned back to my room after breakfast.

“Oh, it seems you’re quite fired up, Sei-chi. But please remain calm while listening to this. Since I am not good with explanation. So, please feel free to stop me if you have any question, Hildr-chi, you also.”

Mardoll-sama sat on the bed while Brynhildr-sama and I sat opposite of her. After we had literally settled ourselves down to focus on the talk, Mardoll-sama began her explanation.

“I will skip some details but let me said the most important thing first. The name of the curse that was casted on Freya-sama necklace was the ... ‘Temptation spell’. That was how we, spellcaster, called it.”

“Temptation... spell.... Pardon me but Mardoll-sama, you’re a spellcaster?”

“Hildr-chi, to be precise, I was used to. I had already quit it for a long time but in the past, I was like one of those mallet user? The type that will attract attention immediately if a bad spell was cast.”

“Does that mean... were you aware of my ‘curse that murder its owner’?”

Once I enquired her about that, Mardoll-sama looked at me with an obvious puzzled expression. Huh? She was not aware of it?

“I am referring to this.”

While saying that, I released my power that I hold back. After that, the black sediment started to ooze out from my body, and it formed a sinister tornado that was desiring for its target, owner.

“What was this!? Ah~ this was bad, this was seriously bad! ...hmm~ that’s right. This also seem like a kind of spell but to think that I was unable to sense this at all. In the first place, a curse was not something that can be controled voluntarily at all... I see, so it might be the same to the spell on the necklace.”

“Same? What do you mean by that? Are you saying that my curse had a bad influence on the spell on the necklace?”

“Yup... that’s logically correct. Hold it, I will explain about this later.”

After saying that, Mardoll-sama closed her eye and made a small groan. It seemed like she was arranging the sequence of the topic in her mind.

After a moment when she remained like that, Mardoll-sama opened her eye. With her mouth at the same time.

“Yesterday, I did mentioned about this right? That I stayed in ‘Asgard’ a few hundred years ago. ...the me at that time, was before I called myself as Mardoll and Gullveig, I was not pretending to be a human also. I came to ‘Asgard’ as a full-fledge member of the Vanir tribe.”

“That’s mean you come from the Vanir tribe world... ‘Vanaheim’ was it?”

“Yes. I was sent here from ‘Vanaheim’ to form a relationship between the Aesir tribe and the Vanir tribe, in another word I come here as an ambassador. But at that time, the Chief God of the Aesir tribe, Odin seemed a bit impatient. I

only realized it after that but it seemed that the reason of his impatient was... 'old'."

Old? Was it aging? Even though the Gods possessed the golden apple?

Brynhildr-sama answered my doubt when she realized it since I had tilted my head.

"Sei-san. Mardoll-sama was referring to an event from the ancient time. At that time, we had yet to obtain the golden apple. It was the time where... we only had the seed for the fruit."

I see, I got it now. That meant that Odin at that time was impatient as he was worried about his body aging.

"Ah~... by the way, Sei-chi. How much did you know about the 'Ymir hunt'?"

"'Ymir hunt'? Ah, if that is the case, I had heard about this from Loki when he was testing my resurrection ability. If I am not mistaken, it's a war for the golden apple between the Aesir tribe and the Giants, it is one of the world oldest war. Even though the Gods had won the war, they only obtained its seeds as the apple tree collapsed... Ah, that explains the seeds."

Yesterday, there was a brief talk about Mardoll-sama being one of the contributor that caused the seeds to bear fruits but...

"Okay. Let's move on while using that story as the foundation. As Odin was worried about his aging, he showed no interest at me who came as the ambassador. Well, that was where I had done this. I casted the 'Temptation spell' without any second thought. And that caused me, the golden goddess, to become his captive as he had become an existence that was obsessed with all the golden thing in this world."

"Eh!? In another word, Odin-sama was affected by the same spell as Freya-sama necklace!?"

"Yes. But the target of the temptation was not the necklace. Putting that aside, the worthless gold sudden become valuable due to the desire of the Aesir tribe Chief God. Sometime as part of a trade, sometime as a compensation, which caused a spark of desire within a certain someone. There was a Chief right underneath a certain sea?"

The Chief that loves gold? Isn't that... the king of the open sea (Aegir-sama)
—!!

“Well, let's put that aside. Due to the effect of the spell, I finally gotten Odin's attention, then I went and showed him a certain special ability of mine since I got carried away. Now that I thought of it, it was a bad idea to do that.”

“A certain special ability? If you are talking about the special ability of the Golden Goddess then... Were you referring to your resurrection ability...!?”

“Weren't you quite sharp, detective Sei-chi? That's right, I died once in front of him.”

At the same time, Mardoll-sama used her thumb and drawn a horizontal line at her neck.

After that, she stiffened her expression and surrounded herself with the solemn presence that rivaled Odin-sama and... said this.

“That's right—I am the Golden Goddess and also the ‘first’ of Vanir tribe, Gullveig. Listen properly? The first here was referring to the myth.”

“First... that was referring to the first Vanir God that was born right? In another word, you were unlike the normal God... and you are different from Freya-sama and Frey-sama?”

“Yup, I am different. The difference between me and them was like a queen ant and a working ant. Let's see the first god... was the only one in this world with the immortal ability, which makes me a perfect god.”

“!!”

A being that wouldn't age nor die. So that was the first god. I see... that explained how she was able to maintain her youth despite being born in the same era as Odin-sama. I suspected that she was the same as those Giants who were born in the appearance of an adult.

“Of course, other than the Vanir tribe, the first god of the Aesir was also immortal. But that God, Buri had his ‘longevity’ stolen by Auðumbla which caused him to lose that ability. That was why, I was the only one who was special. Once Odin saw the possibility of longevity through my immortal ability,

he captured and tied me on top of the seed. Then...then..."

After she had keep on talking right until there, Mardoll-sama placed her right hand on her left chest and breathe out. That messy breathing rhythm and the shivering shoulder. By looking at her appearance of suffering, I... had realized about it.

Loki once said this. Once I exposed the usefulness of my 'Gullveig' in front of an ill-intended person, I would become the second apple.

That was wrong... the second apple had already existed a long time ago.

That aforementioned was none other than... the Golden Goddess, Gullveig.

"After I was stab countless to death, the seed finally budded. By taking in the nutrient from my living blood. Because of that, I had experienced a mental breakdown and once I had recovered from that, the war between the Aesir and Vanir had started."

"..." x2

Unbelievable... to think that Brynhildr-sama and I had come to know of a dark history.

Once I heard of this tragic news, I started having doubts... on whether it was a good thing to follow Odin-sama.... But if Odin-sama hadn't committed such an inhuman act, the Aesir tribe wouldn't be like how it was now...Argh...

"Ah, sorry. Since the main topic should be about the spell, but somehow it had changed into the story of my past self. By the way, there is no need for the two of you to be so concerned about it. Since it was my fault for showing him my special ability without thinking, so instead of being smart, I was quite stupid during my early time, and I had gotten over it already. Moreover, I had Odin to compensate me properly afterward, so there was no ill feeling between us already."

"...okay. I can be at ease now after hearing that. So, that's mean that we only have the golden apple and our current life... because of you, Mardoll-sama."

"That's right, Hildr-chi, you should thank me for it! ...Ah~ but still... about the current matter on hand, it seems that it was completely my fault for the spell

on the necklace”

Mardoll-sama scratched her cheek after showing a bitter expression as if she was beaten.

So that was the case. It seemed that the talk on the aforementioned spell was not over yet.

“Why was it Mardoll-sama fault?”

“Well, let’s me go to the bottom of the affair first. That Brisingamen... was without a doubt made by a Dwarf. I was unsure how Freya-sama obtained that but the main problem was that a spell was casted on the Dwarf made object...”

“? What do you mean by that?”

“In another word, the culprit who teach the Dwarf about the spell was... me. Teehee!”

Mardoll-sama showed an innocent smile while sticking out her tongue.

Huh? Wait, hold it, didn’t she just said something which couldn’t be treated as a joke?

In another word, the curse that was on Freya-sama necklace and me, was all casted by their creator. Moreover, the reason why the creator a.k.a. Dwarf was able to cast those curse was... all because of Mardoll-sama fault!?

“What have you done!!”

“No, that’s wrong! That was a mistake during Gullveig era! I am Mardoll now!”

“You only changed your name! Ah, don’t tell me... that you changed your name so that you can run away from your past mistakes....”

Mardoll-sama was surprised and started to shiver after I pointed that out. Ah, this meant that I had hit the bullseye. For God’s sake, what did you do to cause a spell cult to spread among the Dwarf?

“There... there was no other choice. I am aware that I was at fault too when I was killed continuously for the sake of the golden apple but unlike the current me, I hadn’t gotten over it immediately that time. Once I discovered that the

Dwarf was treated harshly constantly by the Aesir tribe, I thought of teaching them on the method to get revenge...so”

Ah... okay. There was nothing we could say once you had said that...

“It... it’s fine, I do not blame Mardoll-sama at all. But something caught my attention. Why did the Dwarf creator of Freya-sama necklace, Brisingamen casted that cursed on it?”

Regardless of the reason, there was still room to consider this as an extenuating circumstance. After the kind Brynhildr-sama had forgiven Mardoll-sama crime, she raised a question.

It was true that that was something that was worth to be investigate. If I were to use my case as an example, then it meant that the Dwarf had a grudge against Freya-sama but...

“About that, I also have~ no idea about it. It’s quite unbelievable that Freya-sama had used a method to obtain that necklace that will cause the Dwarf to hate her. Moreover, the temptation spell was not the type of curse that was used toward a hate person.”

“That’s right, the temptation spell that was casted on the necklace, what effect does it possess?”

“Ah, so you are curious about that now? Well, based on the readable words... it’s the curse that charm the opposite sex. There was a few type but in this case, if the wearer is a guy, it will attract female and vice-versa. They will also be attracted to the necklace also. I don’t want to say this but Freya popularity as an idol was not because of her charm points only. I believe that the temptation spell was one of the factor also.”

While saying that, Mardoll-sama used her finger and draw the necklace in the sky. Was that so... even though Freya-sama didn’t realize about the spell, she would always wear it during her idol activities. That was how it helped her to increase her popularity in a natural manner.

But... I suddenly thought of this after hearing the conversation up until now. That was, I didn’t see any problems that could be caused by that temptation spell.

“Um... I understand that a curse was casted on Freya-sama necklace but was it really something bad? Up until now, the temptation spell had been working in favour of Freya-sama and I believe it will also do so in the future.”

After hearing my enquiry, Brynhildr-sama gave a small nod and replied me with a ‘That’s right’. On the other hand, Mardoll-sama immediately rejected it.

“That might be true for the ‘up until now’ part but the problem was the ‘future’ part. At the beginning of our conversation, didn’t we mention about this? That the spell on the necklace was different from what it should be. Sei-chi, this was all your fault.”

The spell underwent a change because of me...? Ah, I remembered it now. She did say that my curse had a bad influence toward the necklace.

“It seems you had remembered about it. Sei-chi, about the curse that was casted on you which murders its owner... to be frank among us, spellcaster, it is a taboo spell. Normally those type of powerful spell are known as ‘Seiðr’ but Sei-chi, your curse was a mixture between Seiðr and the rune.”

A mixture between Seiðr and the rune... a taboo curse. What the heck was that... did my creator, Andvari hate Odin-sama that much until he was willing to use such a dangerous spell...

“Since Seiðr was an original spell that was created from the caster, so only the caster himself know how to lift the curse which makes it a troublesome spell. But the most troublesome thing now was— the fact that spell on the necklace had become more powerful as it had resonance with your over powerful curse.”

“How could that.... Um... what will happen once the temptation spell had become more powerful?”

“Is there really a need to think about that? The effect that attract the opposite sex will become much stronger... in another word, once the concert start, the male audience will fall into an extreme state of arousal and they will do this~ and that~ toward Freya. Oh, Hildr-chi! What were you thinking just now?”



“H... huh!? Um~, that was... ah, no... I didn’t!? I didn’t think about this~ or that~ or those~ at all!”

“Hold it, those~, it seems like you had add an additional category on your own. Ha ha, it seems like your imagination is much more creative than I thought.”

“”It...it’s not creative at all! I didn’t thought of that in the first place! I didn’t have a strange thought at all!”

Brynhildr-sama... no one asked wherever you have any ‘strange’ thought at all.

Well, putting that aside, I had understood the situation now.

If we didn’t do anything now, then Freya-sama would encounter an unspeakable crisis at the stage tonight.

I could only thought of two ideas... to prevent that right now.

“But, how about we just let the concert to continue as planned?”

This was my first idea. But the moment Mardoll-sama heard this, she immediately stopped making fun of the embarrassed Brynhildr-sama and pull a wry face.

“No. It’s a bit bad but I won’t allow that. That was because she held this concert for my sake right? So I don’t want it to be cancelled because of the spell that was spread by me~”

What, what was that, it sounded like a personal reason only... Were you saying that you going to be fine if your old friend was in danger because of that? Well, putting that aside... since there would be a lot of people who would seriously hate it if the concert was delayed and I did acknowledge that this was also not a good idea.

“Then my second idea. We have to request Freya-sama to conduct the concert without wearing the necklace. What do you think about this idea?”

“Um... about that, Sei-chi had you ever attended Freya-sama concert before?”

“Yes, what’s with that all of a sudden? Let me said this first, I am actually a pro in that okay? Are you saying that you didn’t saw this ‘20180’ fan club number on this club card?”

While saying that, I took out my club card that gave off a gold shine from the drawer on the desk. After Mardoll-sama saw that number, she closed one of her eye in an extremely bored manner.

“What was with this? Even thought you announce that you are a pro, the number was not that young at all. Why exactly are you so proud of this printed card?”

“... It can’t be helped if you thought in that manner. Since Freya-sama had held countless concert a long time ago before I arrived in ‘Asgard’ so she already have tons of fans already. It’s a pity that no matter how much I struggled, I was unable to get a younger number...but! Please look carefully at this number! This was the proof of my love toward Freya-sama!!”

Just as I had instructed, Mardoll-sama and Brynhildr-sama stared at my club card together. Then, they had realized it. The true meaning that was hidden in the valueless number.

“! Hold it, this is... ‘20180’ (Freya love)!? Sei-san, are you telling me that you were aiming at this number!?”

(2 can be pronounce as ‘fu’(old Japanese) or ‘ni’, 0 as ‘re’ or ‘rabu’(in tennis context), 1 as ‘ichi’ or ‘I’ and 8 as ‘ya’. Put it together you will get ‘Fureiya rabu’ = ‘Freya love’)

“Hehe... that’s right.”

As expected of her keen insight, I was amazed that you were able to realize it, Brynhildr-sama. Do you know how much suffering I had gone through in order to obtain this number...? Ah, just think about it made me want to praise my past self.

“Hey~ I am actually quite astonished. I am able to grasp about your overwhelming passion now. But... I actually want to direct my question to that Sei-chi.”

After realizing how passionate I am, Mardoll-sama gave a sigh, and asked me

this with her eye close.

“You have full knowledge about her concert right. On the songs. On the dance. And also... her costumes. Right?”

“!!”

The moment I heard that, I received an impact in my heart as if I was struck by lightning.

That’s... that’s right. How could I forgot about that!

Freya-sama performance during the concert had always ended perfectly and magnificently no matter what. Her effort and talent weren’t the only contribution for that. The makeup that boosted her charm, the cute idol costume and also located at her plump breast, the bright—Brisingamen (the ultimate necklace) also contributed to it!

“...My eye was wide open now, Mardoll-sama. There must not be any compromise for the concert of the super idol, Freya-sama. Since I... had the duty to protect her at the cost of my life!”

That was the answer that I, Saehrimnir with the fan club number of ‘20180’ thought of.

Freya-sama, please wait for it. I’d definitely make that concert a success!

Even though it was a good thing for me to get fired up... but I hadn’t even thought of anything to achieve that. Brynhildr-sama continued the conversation when she noticed I went into thinking mode immediately after I was motivated.

“Mardoll-sama. I would like to give my suggestion?”

“Oh? What was it? Just said it, Hildr-chi! There was no need for any constraint!”

“Um... Mardoll-sama, you did mention that the taboo that was casted on Seisan can only be lifted by its creator right? On the other hand, for a normal curse... in another word anyone can undo the temptation spell. Was my interpretation correct?”

Oh, that was a good point! As expected of Brynhildr-sama.

“That’s the gist of it. It’s not like anyone is able to do that but you’re right, I believe that I am able to undo that. That’s right, if it was me.”

Mardoll-sama repeated that twice as if she was putting emphasized on it as it was something important. Come on, if it could be undo that easily, then there was no need for us to worry about anything at all.

Then, while I was in high expectation, a single additional remark had caused a drop in my high expectation.

“But it’s a bit late for that now. In order to undo the temptation spell, three days and nights was necessary. But the concert was today. Do you understand... what I am trying to say?”

Okay... I got it without any further explanation. That meant, we had to think of another way to protect Freya-sama...which was something that was needless to say.

If that was the case, what other choice did we have? For example, we could make preparation to subdue the berserk male audience... but that was not good at all. That was because if the audience were to become berserk, it wouldn’t ended as a disturbance during the concert. It would be pointless if everyone weren’t able to enjoy the concert safely.

Damn it... I couldn’t think of anything. This was the most difficult task that I had encountered, what should I do...

“—there was a way.”

Then, a clear voice reach my ear. I immediately recognized it was Brynhildr-sama without a need to look.

“There was a way. Sei-san... we will have to rely on your ability.”

“My... ability?”

It seemed that my ability was necessary for Brynhildr-sama prideful secret plan. I wondered what exactly was she referring to...? She continued on, for the sake of both Mardoll-sama and I who had tilted our head.

“I am referring to your transformation, into Brisingamen. If it’s your rune of mannaz that was able to transform to Fenrir, Gullinkambi and even my Sacred

Weapon... I believe that this was not an impossible act at all.”

Those bright eyes that were full of confidence and trust pierce through me.

That was right...! Even though it was about me, why didn't I thought of that?

After all, the rune of mannaz was the rune of harmonize. Moreover, my true nature, the curse ring, Andvaranaut possessed a very strong harmonize ability.

Hadn't I managed to pull out a few transformation that no one was able to imitate while utilizing that ability unconsciously? I was pretty sure I was able to transform into the legendary Brisingamen...!

“What were you talking about? Sei-chi, were you saying that you were able to transform into that? Weren't you amazing! If you were able to do that, we can just switch the real one before the concert and return it back after the curse was undone, this was the best solution! It's a perfect plan if we were to pull this off secretly!”

After understanding Brynhildr-sama plan, Mardoll-sama started to jump on the bed while raising both her hand toward the sky. It was true that was the only solution that we had. But... we had to be quite detailed on our preparation.

“Before that, there was something that I must inform both of you first.”

“? Hmm... what's the matter?”

“Even though my rune of mannaz was special, it's not perfect at all. I had realized about this after I was aware of my true nature but the reason why I was able to transform into Fenrir and Gullinkambi, was because I had achieved a certain level of bonds with them.”

“That's mean... Sei-san, you were able to obtain the foundation to ‘become’ them right?”

I gave an affirmative nod toward Brynhildr-sama explanation.

If I were to say it in a more precise manner, for Fenrir and Gullinkambi case—I gained the foundation when I was able to fulfil their ‘desire’.

For Fenrir, it was when I took out the sword from his mouth while for Gullinkambi, it was when I was able to took one of its feather, those were the desires that I had fulfilled. Then, after a certain amount of harmony had built up

inside of me, a certain definition inside of me would be overwritten which caused me to be able to transform into them.

To be frank, the reason why I was able to transform into Brynhildr-sama Sacred Weapon was because I had already know in detailed about it. During the time when I was still a ring, since my owner was the great hero Sigurd, I was able to see a bit of the moment when her Sacred Weapon was destroyed. I even saw the cross section of the shield clearly. Moreover, I was only able to transform into her Sacred Weapon as that memory was buried somewhere in my brain.

“What I’m trying to say was that I need to the real Brisingamen in detailed first before I am able to transform into it. In another word... I need some time to harmonize with the necklace by observing it when we were switching it...”

“I see. In order to avoid Freya-sama from noticing this, you need us to buy you some time is it? Understood! Please leave it to my sisters and me for that matter!”

Oh! This was quite reassuring since I was able to get help from the nine Valkyrie sisters.

It was just that... the Valkyries were supporting Freya-sama from the shadow as usual since they would be the staffs before the concert start, once it started they would be the background dancer instead. Since each of their work spot had already been determined, it’d be quite difficult for them to act freely.

“Now the only problem left was who will steal it and how...”

Based on what we had saw yesterday, the necklace was being safeguard at the inner room of the mansion. I believed that the door wouldn’t open unless magic power was pour in from both of Freya-sama hand. Thus, it would be a bad move if we were to infiltrate it recklessly.

In that case, we could only do the switching after she went and retrieve the necklace herself. A few minutes was more than enough. Our only opportunity to steal it was when she was separated from the necklace.

The only person who was able make use of that opportunity was—

“Hey Sei, how are you? Huh, what was going in? To think that the first thing I

saw after I came back in a while was you having two girl in your room, it seems that you were quite popular as usual.”

At that moment, my partner had come at a perfect timing.

“Loki! You’re back!”

“Ah? Well ya, I just came back today. By the way, it’s a bit troubling if you look at me with those bright eyes. I just return for a short moment as I am unable to produce any result.”

After Loki stopped me when I approached him unconsciously, he scratched his cheek in a sad manner. I see, as expected it seemed that he was unable to locate Andvari at all...

But, let’s just put that aside for now. I wanted to recommend Loki for this since he had come back now.

“Hey Loki, help us in stealing Freya-sama necklace!”

“Huh? I have no idea what were you talking about. Why do you want to do that?”

It was expected for Loki to be bewildered by this. I tried to explain the situation to him in the simplest, easiest and fastest manner.

“Ah... Okay, I understand about the situation now. It seems that there was various problem at this side also. Well, since Gullveig had come back, I doubt things will be peaceful at all...”

“What are you saying, Loki-kun. You are saying as if I am a trouble maker. Moreover, currently I am Mardoll instead of Gullveig, so I hope you remember that!”

“Okay, okay, I understand, Mardoll-san the trouble maker.”

Mardoll-sama was complaining to me with her eyes as if she was asking permission to punch Loki while pointing at him who was shrugging his shoulder. Both Brynhildr-sama and I swunged our head sideways together and anticipating for Loki’s reply.

“There was no choice. Since I am back into a corner on Andvari case, let me help you out before I get to punch him. Moreover, I am suited in doing these

type of dirty job. That was because I had once stolen Brisingamen before.”

Just when I thought that he gave us his prompt reply, he went and made an unbelievable confession at the same time!

“How did you manage to steal it that time?”

“I just infiltrated the room normally and then stole it from her bedside when she was sleeping. It seems like after that, she had tightened the security to safeguard it.”

“So, it’s all Loki’s fault that our difficulty had increased tremendously!”

For God’s sake, regardless of the situation, why did you went and do that...

Despite of that, I believed that he was the most suitable candidate for this mission as he knew the escape route clearly based on his past experience.

Okay... all the members had gathered. I was pretty sure that we were ready for this plan as everything was planned accordingly. The only thing left was the resolution.

When the atmosphere in the room had become tense, the proposer for this plan, Brynhildr-sama leaned over and hold out her right hand. The back of her hand overlapped with my right front leg and on top of that was the right hand from the high spirited Mardoll-sama. After looking at that, Loki placed his right hand on top reluctantly.

“Let’s do our best so that Freya-sama concert will be a success! ‘Brisingamen switching’ plan will now commence!!”

“Yea~!”x2 “O..oh.”

There was only one person among us who couldn’t read the mood. But our goals should be the same.

Okay, let’s go! Toward ‘Fólkvangr’ where Freya-sama was preparing for her upcoming concert!

We had arrived at our destination just approximately at the time where morning and night was split nicely in half. Now, I would like to reorganize the various information including the content of our plan this time.

First was the detail of the venue for Freya-sama concert.

The concert stage was set up at the 'Great Temple of Ida Weld' which was close to my parent house and the most sacred location in 'Asgard'. The Aesir tribe would usually use that as their meeting hall when something drastic occur.

This was the fourth time that I had attended her concert after I had come to 'Asgard'. Based on my continuous participation without missing any single one, it seemed that the concert was always held there. Well, after I had experienced her concert for the first time, I was determined to go anywhere just for the sake of obtaining that feeling.

Next was the starting time of the concert.

That had already set in stone as her concert always start as soon as the sunset. Freya-sama would use her own room in 'Fólkvangr' as her dressing room moment before the starting time. After that, by using the fastest steed in the world, Sleipnir, she'd always descended down to the stage like a shooting star in the starry night.

Despite of that, I thought of doing a rehearsal for the plan this time... but there was one thing. Actually we were requiring to undergo the mission secretly this time so Freya-sama must not be aware of it. That was because, we wanted her to perform at her concert without having any fear. Thus, she must not know about the spell on the necklace nor the necklace switching plan. Let's start our rehearsal with that in mind.

Just before the sunset and immediate before she'd head toward the venue at the Great Temple, she'd then head toward the storage in the inner room to retrieve Brisingamen to wear it. Our plan would start after that had happened.

First, we had to think of a way to separate the necklace from Freya-sama. Not only did we have to separate them, we also had to keep her to be stuck at another location. It might seem easy but this was actually the most troublesome part. The one who was responsible for this difficult task was the nine Valkyrie sisters.

Right after that, it'd be my turn. During the time when the Valkyrie attracted Freya-sama attention, Loki and I would infiltrate the dressing room to observe Brisingamen. Then, I needed to learn the transformation as quickly as possible

and it'd end once I was able to transform into it.

Lastly, Loki who was overseeing it would escape with the real necklace. Afterward, Loki must go through the hassle of descending to the human realm 'Midgard'. That was because the curse on the necklace would take three days and nights to undo and it also need to be done while being submerged in the sea.

Then after the spell was undone, Brisingamen would be returned back to her...

Since we'd be returning it to her after the concert had ended, so there was no need for us to do it secretly. We could just return it back to her upfront after explaining the situation to her.

So that was the full detail for our plan this time. It was a difficult plan but I was sure we'd be fine. Since I had faith in everyone here.

"(...can you hear me...can you hear me...Sei-san...it's Brynhildr...)"

And at that time, I was able to hear the voice of my beloved out of nowhere.

"(Right now... I am...talking directly... to your heart...)"

"Yes, I am able to hear you clearly, Brynhildr-sama. Was this the aforementioned item that utilizes the power of the rune of 'rad' that you mentioned before the mission?"

That's right—I was currently using both of my front legs to hold the stone that was carved with the rune of rad. As long as magic power was inserted into the stone, it enabled me to communicate with the Valkyries who were holding the same stone.

"(That's right... right now... Freya-sama... had took out Brisingamen from the storage... and... she was heading toward you... so had you... done with the preparation...?)"

"Yes, we had already position ourselves at the ceiling of Freya-sama room. Loki had gotten quite enthuse and impatient now."

"I'st not like I am enthuse at all, okay? I am having difficulty in breathing as it was narrow here."

While muttering that, Loki started to be aware of his squirming position. Unlike me who was in my boar form, it was actually quite difficult to remain here for a long time.

“(Ah—Sei, did you hear this? We are in front of the room already, so I want you to behave yourself.)”

“Huh, Siegrune-sama? I didn’t know that Siegrune-sama was able to talk normally at all.”

“(Huh? Anyone was able to talk normally. That happens because Hildr-nee-san was playing around only.)”

“(I’m... I’m sorry, I just wanted to create the suitable atmosphere for this only...)”

Come on~ to think that Brynhildr-sama was so playful at time like this. Weren’t you so adorable?

“(For God’s sake... I hope you can stop playing around and focus on the task at hand...)”

Oh, this proud manner of speaking was Gerhi-sama. Somehow I was able to guess that based on the voice and tone without a need to look at her face.

Creak.

“Okay~, we had arrived at the dressing room!”

Ah, someone had enter the room! I was able to see it faintly from the peeking hole, the person was... Freya-sama in her Idol mode!

The side ponytail hair style as she always tied her hair on her right, together with the white and green bustier style dress and the lace up long boots, it seemed like she was planning to perform in that gallant yet mature casual appearance. Of course, her favourite necklace, Brisingamen was hanging on her exposed chest.

“Hey, Brynhildr, how long do we have until the sun set?”

“We still have quite some time, Freya-sama. I predict that we have around an hour before the sun set.”

“Hm. Then, how was Mardoll? Had she heading toward the venue?”

“Mardoll-sama was quite excited for Freya-sama concert so he had headed to the venue earlier than expected. Please rest assured as Schwerte was acting as her escort. I believe that she was probably having a quarrel with Odin-sama for the front seat right now.”

Odin-sama... I hoped you can have more awareness of your own position...

Putting that aside, to think that Schwerte-sama was acting as her escort. I acknowledged that she was quite a skilled swordsman as she had proclaim that she was a master of the zero sword style but... since she had a serious personality, I hoped that she wouldn't get carried away by the freewheeling Mardoll-sama.

“(Ah, Nee-sama, something grave had happened! The quarrel for the front seat had started, Mardoll-sama was biting Odin-sama...ah! She had stolen my sword now! Even Odin-sama had gotten serious and took out his Gungnir! Nee-sama, who should I protect!?)”

Wait, hold it, to think that we would receive the frightful news from Schwerte-sama that fast!?

“(Of course, you will assist both of them.)”

“(What... no, roger. I— this was time for me to test my skill as a swordsman! Let's—)”

Our communication with her had suddenly ended. I am concerned about the situation over there and her safety but... let's just believe in her. That was the only thing that we can do for now.

“What happen? Brynhildr. Did anything happen?”

“No, everything is fine.”

Brynhildr-sama waved both of her hand in front of her panic face. Then she looked toward Gerhi-sama at the same time. Hold it... it seemed that the tactic to separate her had started.

“Huh? Well, this is bad, Freya-sama, it seems your costume was a bit loose around your neck... let's head next door for me to fix it immediate.”

“Eh, next door? Can’t it be done at the dressing room?”

“I’m sorry. The concert today was special as we had invited Mardoll-sama as our guest, so we had removed all dangerous object from the surrounding so that Freya-sama was able to do her best. Thus, not a single scissor nor needle could be found in the dressing room, I hope you’ll understand.”

“Okay. Since the Brisingamen will be a bother while you are fixing the neck part of your costume, so can you entrust me with it for this short moment?”

“EH~, I don’t want it. I am pretty sure that Helmwife, you will go and sell it right away as soon as I leave it to you.”

“Even I won’t go and do such thing!?”

What the heck was this? It seemed that Helmwife had not achieve the necessary level of friendship to be entrusted with that. This was an obvious mistake in the role selection... I wondered how they would fix this problem.

“Then, can you entrust it to me who was the eldest here?”

“Hm~ Brynhildr is it~ but you can be quite careless sometime~”

“Aha, then let Onee-san take care of it~ I will look after it pro-per-ly!”

“Ah, I can be at ease if it Waltraute. Then, I will leave it to you.”

While saying that, Freya-sama handed the necklace right away. Oh, they had done it. But since it ended like this, Brynhildr-sama...ah!? She was biting her handkerchief while crying! Moreover, she was writing the word ‘but’ on the ground! I wanted to go and comfort her right away but I need to hold back as we are in the midst of a plan...!

Even though we had encounter with a misfortune event, we were able to retrieve the necklace safely. While taking into account that everyone except Waltraute-sama, who was in charge of guarding it, had left the room, Loki and I came down from the ceiling.

“Thank you for your help, Waltraute-sama.”

“Oh, you can thank her later. Let’s just borrow it since we are running out of time.”

While I was thanking her, Loki immediately took the necklace from her hand. After that, he immediately handed it over to me so that I could start observing it.

“Fu fu, it seems quite exciting as if we are spies. I always welcome for these type of interesting plan~”

“Come on, weren’t you quite happy. I hope your sisters were doing their jobs properly.”

“I wonder~? Do you want me to start a secret communication so that you’ll be able to know what they were doing~?”

While smiling continuously, Waltraute-sama touched the red stone on her palm. Then, we were able to hear the conversation of the others that went to the next door.

“(Hey, Gerhilde~, aren’t we done yet~?)”

This was... the sound was a bit distant but it sounded like Freya-sama voice. It seemed that we were able to hear it faintly from someone red stone.

“(Soon, we are finishing. Since there was no replacement for the stage costume, thus failure was not an option at all. That’s why I have to be very careful~...)”

Ah, somehow Gerhi-sama was purposely delaying the fixing. That was good, please keep it up.

“(If it was the usual you. You should be able to finish it right away. Is there any chance that... your speed had drop?)”

“(I am being slow...? I am doing it slowly!? That’s not a joke at all!! It will only take me one second to fix these type of matter! There, it’s done!)”

She went and done it~! Why did you do that, Gerhi-sama! I knew that you were obsessed with being fast, but there were time where you needed to resist it....

“(For God’s sake, what had that idiot done? Forget it, let me handle this.)”

Hm, this voice belonged to Helmwige-sama. How exactly would she buy us time?

“(Freya-sama. There was something that I am concerned about up until now.... don’t you think that the concert costume this time is a bit too revealing?)”

“(Is that so? Well, even though Mardoll had come to see it, it’s true that the design had become a bit too grand...)”

“(Yup. Then, how about wearing this knee sock? So, let’s take off that high lace boots first.)”

Good job! You had done a good job, Helmwig-sama! Since the boots that Freya-sama was wearing this time require quite some time to take it off and wear it. I believed this had bought us quite some time.

“(Can you help me to take it off? Gerhilde.)”

“(Roger!)”

“(Why did you went and took it off in an instant, you fool!)”

.... Somehow it seemed that Gerhi-sama had totally forgotten her mission. I needed to keep in mind that she might interfere with our future mission.

“(Hm... it seemed there was no other choice. Somehow, it seemed like it Linde and our turn now.)”

“(That... that’s right! Since...since this had happen, it’s time for us to execute that plan!)”

Oh, it seemed like it the tag team, which were Ortlinde-sama and Grimgerde-sama, turn to do something. It seemed like I can have a high expectation of their mission to stall time!

“(Freya-sama, to be frank, we had just receive a bad news.)”

“(Eh... what happen?)”

“(It seemed that someone had poisoned our borrowed transportation, Sleipnir.)”

Hmm? Hold it, somehow I had quite a bad feeling about this.... I actually knew a person who would even willing to poison my disciple in a calm manner, just for the sake of the mission. This person usually called herself ‘Linde’.

“(Po... why did someone do that!? Was Sleipnir alright?)”

“(Please wait for a moment! I... I just sent my servant, Wan-chan to check up on him...eh? He said ‘This was nothing, I will surely finish this job even at the cost of my life!’? Hm... you’re quite stubborn Sleipnir. Ok...okay, please deal the final strike as practice early!)”

Could anyone stop the two of them right away!! What the heck was with that plan, how many sacrifice was needed just for this ‘necklace switching’ plan!

“(Somehow~ it seemed that all of you were acting strange for a while now.... Hey, everyone, were you hiding something from me?)”

! This was bad, it seemed that Freya-sama had started to realize that we were planning something. Well, we had already expected that this would happen but...

“(Sei... Sei-kun, can you hear me? There was nothing we can do now... please prepare on your escape route.)”

“(Hey, Rossweisse, who are you talking with? I had a feeling that you mentioned something about escape just now?)”

“(Eh...um...um... Ah, my stomach hurt all of a sudden.)”

“(Oh, you had a stomach ache? But, are you feeling nauseated? If that was the case, Rossweisse, please head to the sink right away, don’t worry, I won’t be angry.)”

“(Oh, sorry Freya-sama... actually... actually...)”

Ah... it seemed like it difficult for Weisse to remain a secret. Since she was a good child in the first place.

Sigh, it seemed that this was the end. Since I still required some time before I was able to learn the method to transform into it. It seemed that we have no choice but to explain it to her properly while hoping for the best....

“(...Sigh~ I can’t believe this at all. Aren’t all of you seem a bit absentminded at time like this?)”

At that moment—a mutter that made fun of the sisters could be heard. Actually, Siegrune-sama, had you forgotten about the losses that you had

suffered up until now?

Well, even though I said that, I was still quite interest in it. It seemed like she had a secret plan that was quite different from everyone else based on her tone. Let's see how was it? Siegrune-sama.

“(Shh! Everyone be quiet. Right now, I am able to hear something coming from the dressing room next door.)”

“(Eh!! Wait, how about my Brisingamen? What was Waltraute doing?)”

“(I don't know.... Let me go and check on it, so please don't move away from here until I'm back.)”

A few seconds after we heard that conversation—

“Okay. I am pretty sure that Freya-sama won't come here for now.”

While showing her skilled smirk, the current MVP had arrived at the dressing room.

“I was shock~ Rune-chan, you're amazing.”

“Fu fu fu~, shouldn't this be a simple matter that anyone was able to do? Did you saw this! This was my true potential, I was just feeling unwell for the previous attempts. What do you think, Sei? I don't mind if you had a different perception toward me now?”

While being shrouded be the aura of asking to be praised, Siegrune-sama puffed up her chest and put her hand on the waist. No... there was nothing else for me to say. I had suffered a total defeat, no, let's cheer.

“To be honest... I had always look down on you up until now. But I knew that the true Siegrune-sama was a fantastic and talented person. You have my earnest respect.”

Normally, it would seem just like a prideful act if someone like me praised her. But I only told her my honest opinion. Which were the things that I had planned to told her in the first place.

Well, I doubted that anyone would be happy if they got praised by an insignificant boar like me but...

“Uhh...uh...”

...huh!? Siegrune-sama seem...!

“What, what is it! It’s not like I’m happy okay!!”

Congratulation! Siegrune-sama had just ran out of the dressing room!

Huh... I shouldn’t be happy about this at all!? I am pretty sure that she would ran back to the next door!? Why would you do this when I had gotten a better image of you! If this was the case, I wished that you were able to be competent until the end!

“! It... it’s here, this feeling...! Loki! I am able to transform into Brisingamen now!”

“What a good timing! Okay, let’s try it out right away, I will escape after I had make sure of it!”

After Loki had retrieved the Brisingamen, he immediately slip back to the ceiling. Then, in order to show Loki, who only revealed his face, the expected result, I activated my rune of mannaz in a hurry.

[—...Okay, I’m done. How is it? Had I become it properly?]

“Hm~... it’s perfect! I become jealous without a second thought once I look at your perfection. Then, I leave everything to you now. Good luck.”

After Loki wished me that, his presence slowly fade away, instead I was able to sense the presence of multiple people approaching. The one who enter after opening the door forcefully was Freya-sama who was the leader of the panic Valkyrie sister.

“Hmm~...? Huh, there was nothing here. Hey, Waltraute, did anything weird happen?”

“Weird~? I would immediately shout if anything happened, but I had just remained here obediently as nothing had happened~”

“...is that so. That’s right. I wonder what happened, since I had become a bit nervous. Ah~, this’s not good, I won’t be able to perform properly if this persist! I need to concentrate!”

Freya-sama slapped both her cheek so that she was able to make herself energetic. After that, she immediately took Brisingamen (me) from Waltraute-sama.

Whoa, that single moment of nervous—. Unfortunately, that moment really lasted for a moment only.

Freya-sama immediately put on the fake Brisingamen, which was me, without any doubt. Then, Waltraute-sama showed a thumbs up secretly to her sister in order to inform on the success of the mission.

After they knew that, the Valkyries exposed their delighted expression which they were supposed to hide. But I was sure that no one could beat me in term of happiness. Actually I just only realized about this after I had transform into Brisingamen...

The current me—was located on top of the God of Idol, Freya-sama breast—

“Ah!? Huh, somehow I just felt some warmth from Brisingamen but... that’s impossible.”

Oops, this was bad. It seemed that there was some influence even if I was in the necklace form from my body temperature that was increased due to the excitement. Sigh... even though I looked like the real thing based on the appearance, I was still a fake in the end. I needed to act like a gentleman now.

Even though I said that... after I had received the cold stare from eight person, my boiling blood had calmed down.

“It seems like it almost time. Then, everyone! Let’s do our best for the concert! One~ Two~ Three!”

Let’s Harvest!!” x9

After shouting out the usual slogan, one Super Idol and eight Valkyries rush out of the dressing room. Oh yeah, I was also tagging along.

Here we go! To the concert venue, ‘The Great Temple of Ida Weld’ that was filled with the wild enthusiasm!

...Moreover, I was quite interested in the fight between Odin-sama and Mardoll-sama...also.

Sleipnir who became well after taking the antidote was soaring across the sky that was slowly becoming dark. A few metres behind of him was the Valkyries who were soaring in a horizontal line. Normally, I was only able to see this, 'Idol flying squad' from the audience seat but— to think that I was able to experience this closer than anyone else.

I had lost sight of the time and the surrounding while I was being overwhelmed by that feeling.

Right now, they had arrived at the top of the venue without any problem. The audience who was waiting for the arrival of their Idol was giving off cheers to the God they had yet to see while waiting for the concert to start.

After closing her eye, Freya-sama was tremblingly slightly while being bath in the enthusiasm. Then, at the same time when she gave off a deep breathe, she grab hold of me who had become Brisingamen.

“Okay... it seems I still get nervous no matter what. But, this feeling... I don't hate it at all!”

The way she encourage herself with those confidence words were her style to heighten her concentration.

While showing that ultimate smile of her, she suddenly open her eye widely.

“I will be counting on you! My ally!”

Chu



(Eh?)

Huh... hold it, just now... huh, did I just... got kissed by Freya-sama! Ah~ I wonder what this was, even though the sun had set, the sky still look so bright...

“Hmm? I had a feeling that Brisingamen talked just now... that’s impossible.”

That right, it was just your wild delusion. I was pretty sure that this was also a wild delusion, the matter where Brynhildr-sama was staring at me with a frightful expression from the back due to some reason.

Okay— it was time for the main event now even though I wanted to escape from reality. It was time for the super concert!

“At that time, a mysterious light had descended in ‘The Great Temple of Ida Weld’...”

Freya-sama assembled those word with the rod shape device that was carved with the rune of ‘uruz’. Her voice which was increased due to the device had guided the audience to look toward the sky at the same time.

“Ah, who is that—!” x2

“Who—! I wonder who that was—!” x2

“That is... Freya-chan! Oh!”

At the same time when she announce herself, she took a dive from Sleipnir. Despite doing a somersault that was on par with an athlete, she still landed right at the centre of the stage.

“Hello, vegetables~! Are you prepared to be harvested★~!?”

“We’re readyyyyyyyyy!!”x2

“The person at back, I hope you are able to see me~!”

“Thank youuuuuuu!!” x2

“Ok~ay! Then, let start right away~~!!”

After using Freya-sama shout as the signal, the music started. I had been wondering about this but... I wondered where this music came from and how

was it was broadcast. Well, I was pretty sure most of it was from the runic magic, so there was no need to think about this.

“Yea! That’s good, chan-Fre, you are dazzling~!!”

Ah! That person who was waving both hands desperately at the front row was... Mardoll-sama! Then, that meant the one who lost in the battle for the front row was Odin-sama? Speaking of that, I didn’t see Schwerte-sama anywhere at all... was she at the infirmary...?

“Yea! Everyone together~!”

Without even realizing it, we had enter the second song and the Valkyries who were waiting on the sky suddenly descended. Then, they became the backstage dancer while causing the feather storm on the stage.

(Oh, that person was...)

In that moment, I realized something since I was up on the stage as the necklace. I saw the appearance of the silver boar, Hildi who watching from the side of the stage.

“Freya-sama... your smile... was dazzling.”

That was a gentle gaze toward her master who was enjoying the concert. She was more like a producer than a manager. That was the feeling that I got even though I was not sure about the difference.

“It’s time to step up now~!! Everyone! Embrace it! Until the end of the world!”

Oh~, it’s time for the third song! You have no idea about this introduction!? Of course, I knew! This was the synonym for Freya-sama ‘I will harvest your heart★’!

“Are your~ fruit~ still~ unripe~~. Even though~ I am~ this~ ripe~”

Oh! I was full of excitement! And the breast was the best! Since this was a fast pace song, each of her step causee me to touch her breast!

(Damn! Just when I was saying that, I got stuck at her cleavage!)

Someone please save me... no, I don’t mind with this at all. Do ignore me.

After this and that, both the concert and I was at its peak now.

But, this was strange... I was not sure whether was it because of the excitement or the fact that I was stuck at the cleavage, I felt like it a bit suffocating now. Hold it, did I even need to breathe in the first time when I was in the necklace mode?

(Wait, hold it...? No, that's wrong! I am not suffocating due to the excitement nor that fact I mam stuck at the cleavage!)

Just when I thought of the true identity of the cause— I suddenly remember the cold feel from my spine.

(This symptoms... were the signal that I'm 'running out of magic power'!)

Why? Why did this happen? Did I got too absorb in the concert until I made a mistake on the distribution? Putting that aside, it was not good if this persists. If my transformation were to undone here, not only Freya-sama, there would be a havoc among the audience. This would also ruined the concert. I needed to find a way to maintain my transformation...!

I used my guts and determination to resist the suffering due to the depletion of the magic power in the midst of my vague consciousness.

H...ha... this was the only thought I had. To think that I was wishing for this concert to end as soon as possible even though I was looking forward to it.

'Fortune and misfortune come in turns'. To think that Gods were really listening to us. Argh...

Before I realized it, Freya-sama had finished all the songs in her track list.

Everything went smoothly until the encore and the concert had ended with a great success. Then— at the backstage.

"Rudi-cha~n, did you saw it!? The concert this time was~ the best!"

Freya-sama walked toward her manager, who had seen everything from the start until the end, without a sign of fatigue. Her manager, Hildi, who had done various tasks from the stage management until the sale of the ticket, bursted out in tear.

"Yes! It... It was... It really was the great performance! As if it was the best

concert!”

“He he, thank you, Rudi-chan. Rudi-chan, everything went as usual for your manager duty right? Wouldn’t it be better if you settle with a single personality as I am pretty sure that you are not pretending to be hardworking while being a manager?”

“Pretending... Freya-sama, um... you had realized my true personality!?”

“Of course~ I realize it. How long do you think we had been together?”

“That’s right—.... Well, I believe that it’s good to a variety so I will switch between that two frequently. Since I am confidence in controlling the personality.”

“Somehow... your way of thinking was quite similar to Mardoll instead of me...”

The conversation between the two become lively as if they didn’t want the excitement from the concert to wear off.

In the midst of that, after Brynhildr-sama and the others were done leading the audience to the exit, they had arrived at the backstage together with Mardoll-sama.

“Fr~ei~ya~! Your concert was the best!! If I had to understate it, you were the best of the best! What would happen if I were to say it in an exaggerated manner? So, what would you do?”

Whoa, Mardoll-sama, you were a bit annoying there. But we understood about your deep emotion.

But... but! I hoped you can take off the necklace when you were flirting. No more... I’m sorry but...I’m already... at my limit...!

“Wah! *Breathe Breathe*, I’m beat...”

The thing that appeared from Freya-sama cleavage was—a single boar.

It was me, nice to meet you.

“Eh... huh? Why was Sei-chan here? Huh? It’s gone... where’s my necklace?”

Without being able to comprehend on the situation, the one who was

enquiring in the tremble tone was none another than Freya-sama.

But no one answered her question. What present was the usual silence only.

“Sei-chan, where’s my necklace? Eh... what’s this, everyone was aware of this? Is that why all of you remain silent? Hey, can anyone... tell me what was going on!?”

The silence atmosphere slowly caused Freya-sama to panic.

This was bad, she would only be more pitiful if everyone remain silence. There was no choice since it had been exposed, we should be honest—

“Hold it. I know the whereabouts of Brisingamen.”

Eh? What, this low tone voice... don’t tell me...!

“Heimdall-sama! Um... what did you know!?”

That right, it was Heimdall-sama. Why was the watchman for the rainbow bridge ‘Bifröst’ doing here?

Everyone was showing an extra big question mark, while Freya-sama fixated her sight on Heimdall-sama when he answered.

“The person who took Freya-sama golden necklace, Brisingamen was—“
...he was unable to remain silence.

If it was possible, the true that we wanted to hide had... reached the owner ear too quick.

“—the God of Trickster, Loki.”

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Those words that came out of Heimdallr-sama mouth was indeed the cold truth.

I not sure why was he here. I also not sure how did he knew that. It seem like that there was tons of things that I am unsure of. But putting that aside, Freya-sama reaction toward this truth— was the thing that I am concerned about.

“Took it...? Don’t you mean Loki-chan stole it? ...Is that the truth?”

After Freya-sama said that, she look toward the Valkyries and me. Of course, she will do that. That’s because I had transformed myself into that fake necklace. In another word—if what Heimdallr-sama said was the truth then, it would seem like we are helping Loki despite knowing the circumstances.

“...I’m sorry, Freya-sama. That’s right... we were cooperating with Loki-sama in taking the Brisingamen away.”

As our representative, Brynhildr-sama apology on our behalf. After she said that, her younger sister and I bow at the same time. After Freya-sama saw that, she shown an anger expression for a moment then she hang her head with a sad expression.

“I suppose there was a reason for doing this right? If that’s the case... I wish you would had discuss it with me instead. Somehow, I felt like I was a left out since I was the only one who weren’t aware of it.”

What Freya-sama said was the truth. There was no mistake that we treated Freya-sama like an outsider since we didn’t want her to worry about anything. If we were to tell her about the spell, I doubt that... she will perform as usual during the concert.

“Wait~ Freya, please don’t blame them. Since this was my request in the first place.”

“Mardoll.... If that’s the case, can you tell me? The reason for this.”

Mardoll-sama told Freya-sama everything without hiding anything as this was what she wanted.

The fact that Brisingamen was casted with a cursed known as the spell of temptation. And the fact that the curse had become stronger due to a certain reason. And also the fact that the origin of the curse on the necklace was one of the spell that Mardoll-sama taught to the Dwarf previously.

In addition to that, she also mention the plan that involved us and Loki, who was not present, to release the curse.

“The spell of temptation... is it. So all of you had planned this so that I won’t be aware of that is it?”

“That’s right. Let me apology for being secretive in this but as a result of it, didn’t the concert went as plan? I’m also satisfied that I am able to watch Freya Max Concert, so this was a win-win situation. Isn’t it?”

Thus, Mardoll-sama enquire whether it was okay or not.

“Fu fu, that’s right. This was really a win-win situation.”

Oh. That’s great, somehow it seem that Freya-sama was fine with it—

“... do you really think that I would said that?”

—huh? This... this was strange, somehow it seem that Freya-sama was angry...

“I am really happy that all of you were concerned about me. But... why must it be Loki-chan, who was in charge of stealing the necklace! I’m sorry but I am unable to trust him at all! That was because he had a history in stealing my necklace previously!?”

“I... I had heard about it briefly from Loki himself but... can you tell us his previous motive in stealing it?”

I enquired about that in a spur. Because of that, Freya-sama started to become more irritated as if she had reminisce about the event that time.

“That was because he went and told Odin Oji-san about it when he made a strange misunderstanding of his own.”

“A strange misunderstanding...?”

Freya-sama paused for a moment when I try to enquire further. Then, she answer me while looking sideway as if she knew that it would do not good if she had remain silent.

“That... in order to obtain that necklace.... I had to spend a night together. With the dwarf creator of the necklace.”

Spend a night...? Huh! That... it was that thing that I had experienced with Brynhildr-sama and Mardoll-sama previously right!? No, that’s wrong, since I didn’t do anything obscene with them at all. Okay? But Freya-sama... don’t tell me that she had done that?

“Don’t look at me like that! Let me said this first, I didn’t done that at all! There was no proof!”

“Hmm... isn’t it like there’s no smoke without a fire~?”

“Hey, Mardoll, you have no right to complain at all! It Seiðr, I used it! The spell that you taught me!”

“Argh... are you telling me that I was involved with this also...?”

Mardoll-sama face turn pale all of a sudden. Hey, again is it.... That’s explain why Loki called her as a troublemaker goddess.

“In the past... you taught me Seiðr when both of us went to the human realm, ‘Midgard’. I went and used it since it was convenient. The ‘spell of bewitching’.”

Bewitching...? Hee~ so such thing do exist other than temptation. Somehow it seem that Seiðr was full of misleading type of spell.

“On a certain day, I took a stroll in the Dwarf country, ‘Niðavellir’ to search for a rare herb. At that time, I just so happen to peek at the inside of a Dwarf workshop from the slit of the open door. Then, I saw an extremely beautiful necklace that was about to be completed. It was Brisingamen. I become a captive of it when I took a single glimpse of it as if a spell was casted on me.”

Well... I believe that you were casted by a curse instead of a spell.

I am sure of that. That it was not a coincidence that the door to the workshop was open at all. The Dwarfs did that on purpose as they knew that Freya-sama

was loitering nearby. It seem like they did a good job in tempting her when she peek through the door due to curiosity...

That's right. So that was the reason why the spell of temptation was casted on Brisingamen, the creators did it so that they were able to attract Freya-sama attention.

"When I ask the dwarf creator to give me the necklace, then instead of money, they demanded for my body instead. Of course, I rejected it since I hated it. Since I wanted the necklace no matter what so... I went and casted Seiðr on them secretly. This created a hallucination among the pervert dwarfs where they perceive my appearance as one another."

"Hallucination...? Eh, hold it. That mean..."

After Freya-sama said that, all of the people presented have the same thought in their mind.

Even though they saw Freya-sama due to Seiðr but in reality what they saw in front of them was their partner dwarf. Moreover, since they had spent a night together without realizing about that, it mean that.....

...inhuman... it too inhuman...!

"Thus, I am still quite pure. But at that time, it seem that Seiðr was also casted on Loki-chan who was overseeing it secretly from the shadow. Then, Odin Oji-sama order Loki-chan to confiscate the necklace from me as I had obtained it using an obscene method. Since I had rejected to give it to him, he resorted to steal it from me forcefully."

"I~ see... okay, I understand it now. Freya, I understand that you are pure and impure in another manner also. So? Why did you treated Loki-kun as an enemy that much even though you were partly at fault for that?"

"That was because the condition to retrieve the confiscate necklace was to teach Odin Oji-sama on 'how to use Seiðr'!?"

Freya-sama shouted that out with a bright red face. Instead of being angry, I had a feeling that the cause of her red face was due to embarrassment instead....

“By... by the way, what’s the method to cast Seiðr?”

Brynhildr-sama raised her hand and enquire about that as if she had gotten an interest in it. No... it seem that all of her sister had gotten curious about that instead. What a coincidence, I am also curious about it.

“Actually. First, you must reach your own sexual climax”

“Ah, stop it!!”

Despite of that, the creator of Seiðr, Mardoll-sama mouth was sealed semi permanently by the body blow from Freya-sama



There was only one thing that we understand from this. Which was an unspeakable extremely embarrassing action was needed. Let me jot this down...

“Anyway, since I had such a terrible past with Loki-chan, I don’t want him to be involved with Brisingamen for the second time at all. Despite of that... he had yet to return me the eagle vest that he borrowed for the ‘Idun-sama abduction incident’. I am pretty sure that I will never get it back now. I am also sure that he was pretending to help out while scheming something in the inside...”

Ah, Loki... even though both Gerhi-sama and Brynhildr-sama have asked you to return the eagle vest, yet you were still reluctant to return it.... That explain why Freya-sama distrust Loki that much.

“... I understand about it now. Freya, please give me an order. I will obey you if you were to order me to capture Loki.”

At that moment, Heimdallr-sama sudden muttered that despite being quiet up until now. Then, there was no a single hesitation in the reply toward him.

“I beg of you, Heimdallr-sama. Please bring Loki to me. I will settle the curse on my own after this.”

The moment that order was given, Heimdallr-sama disappeared together with the loud exploding sound. What’s speed... so this was Heimdallr-sama dash at his 100 % strength.

While sending off Heimdallr-sama who was at a distant now, I thought of this.

That Loki was also partly at fault based on the conversation up until now. More like it was mainly Loki’s fault but...

(He can’t be entrusted with an important article. Even if it was for the sake of Freya-sama...is it)

—isn’t that a bit sad.

That why I wanted to take this opportunity... to let her aware of this. Even though there was a few conflict but I wanted to let her know that deep down Loki was actually quite a nice person. I don’t believe that Freya-sama was

unaware of this despite spending much a longer time with him than me.

“Brynhildr-sama.”

After I move next to Brynhildr-sama quietly, I called out to her. Then, she reply me softly as if she had noticed me.

“What’s the matter? Sei-san.”

“I... I believe that Loki should be the one to undo the curse on the necklace. I wanted to help him to accomplish that. I beg of you, Brynhildr-sama, can you lend me your strength?”

If Brynhildr-sama were to accept my request, it would mean that she was going against Freya-sama will. Moreover, it also mean that she will be treating Heimdallr-sama as her enemy.

I believe that this was a reckless request as usual. But... despite of that, Brynhildr-sama reply me with her usual smile.

“I am unable to reject that. That was because Sei-san always... do the right thing.”

After showing the gentle smile, Brynhildr-sama changed her expression to a serious expression.

“Freya-sama. I would like to apology on the fact that we had acted on our own. Since we still had to clean up the venue as usual, so please do take a rest in the changing room. Gerhilde, I will leave the escort to you.”

“Roger! Come, Freya-sama, let us go right away.”

As soon as that was said, Gerhi-sama escort Freya-sama and they left the backstage.

Then, those that were still present follow Brynhildr-sama declaration and started cleaning up... but before that, they were stopped by an unexpected voice.

“Everyone, please listen to me. I am going to go and interfere with Heimdallr-sama.”

“...huh? Somehow, aren’t you being quite calm with it?”

“Inter... interfere...! Will... will you be okay after doing that!?”

“Hee~ it sound quite interesting, can you let me listen to the rest of it~?”

Even though they were split into two different groups as some find it interesting while some find it surprising, everyone was still interested in it. After confirming that everyone attention was focused on her, Brynhildr-sama continued.

“I am unable to say that Loki reputation can’t drop any further than this as there was still the matter on the eagle vest. Despite of that, I am sure that Loki-sama was cooperating with us out of good faith. That why I am unable to turn a blind eye that... we were going to brush off the help that was given to us without listening to his side of the story.”

“...Isn’t that right. It true that I always skip my work but it really hurt that I was treated like a hindrance when I was motivated sometime.”

“That’s right, Helmwige. Loki-sama was currently in the same situation as that. In order for Freya-sama to forget about the grudge, we need to have Loki-sama to undo the curse by himself and let him return the necklace on his own. In order for us to achieve that ending, we had no choice but to stop Heimdallr-sama.”

“Yup... I have no rejection. Hildr-nee, Linde was willing to help you if you are fine with it. But... it will be a big problem on its own if we, Valkyries were to hinder Heimdallr-sama. If we were going to do it, then we had to do it secretly.”

“Si~gh, this seem like another troublesome mission. So? Do you had any plan, boar-san, since you were the first person who suggested this?”

Siegrune-sama look down on me since she purposely choose to say those provoking statement toward me. Argh.... It seem that Siegrune-sama had noticed that I was the one who requested for this.

“I have no idea at all.... But it will take three day to undo the curse. Our mission will be completed as long as Loki was submerged in the sea water during that time. Isn’t that right? Mardoll-sama”

“Yup. Until the moon sink three time, it must be submerged in the mother sea to clear off the impurity... that’s the method to undo the curse. It was quite a

simple task but no one told me that Heimdallr-sama will be joining in at all~”

That’s right. Of all person, why must it be Heimdallr-sama! It would be best if he just literally watch over the rainbow bridge only...

“Um...”

At that moment, our attention was attracted by both the hand that was lifted up hesitantly and the hesitated voice. The owner of that voice was the purest and youngest sister, Weisse.

“If hiding our identity was something troublesome, then how about we just wear a mascot costume instead? Or a mask.”

Mascot costume...! What a cute idea! As expected of Weisse! But... normally our identity will immediately be exposed if we do that though,

“That’s a nice idea! Since it Heimdallr-sama we are talking about, I believe that was sufficient to deceive him.”

We won’t be exposed was it!

Eh, are you serious...? It quite suspicious but... well, compare to a greenhorn like me, everyone else had more knowledge about Heimdallr-sama personality. If everyone said that’s it a good idea, then I have no choice but to believe them.

“So, it decided that we will adopt Rossweisse idea. Ah, since we can’t leave the venue as it was right now, so can I leave this task to you, Helmwig?”

“What!? Me alone!?”

“It will be fine since you are strong. Moreover, I think that Schwerte will come and support you later... maybe.”

“Argh... if only I was born without this strength...”

Helmwig-sama hang her head in a disappointed manner while cursing her own raw strength. Well, I believe that it a good thing that you had a reliable trait.

“So let us start the operation, ‘Disturbing Heimdallr-sama’!”

Everyone went their own way after hearing the signal from Brynhildr-sama. I immediately headed toward the backstage to look for something to hide my

identity. It would be fine if I just transform into something suitable so no preparation was needed at all.

Okay, let start our mission!

After a few minutes— at the entrance of the ‘Great Temple of Ida Weld’. Let’s us confirm the unique member that had gathered here again.

“The eldest of the mysterious sisters! Blue Bear!”

“The third sister. Gold Trent.”

“The fourth sister~ Red Raccoon~”

“The... the seventh sister...ah, jeez! I’m Black Cat!

“The eight sister! Violet Dog!! No, I’m more like a wolf than a dog!!”

“The ninth sister! White Pony!”

Okay. These six persons were the participant for this operation. You there, can you please don’t look at them coldly?

“Whoa~... it good that all of you managed to find various mascot costume...”

While being overawed at this bizarre atmosphere, I look at these six entertainers...I mean the Valkyries.

Just like their introduction, each of them dress up as a living creature that has the same color as their armor.

In the case of Brynhildr-sama, she was dress up in the lucky blue bear which was something that will never ever exist in Mother Nature. Ortlinde-sama dress up as a tree instead of an animal, as if she was a background of a performance. Waltraute-sama dressed up as a red raccoon. It was a good thing that she didn’t dressed up as a fox, and somehow it like she was exposing her true nature.

Then, Siegrune-sama dressed up as a black cat which was a safe choice. Even though she was extremely embarrassed by it, somehow I was able to her dedication as she wore it properly. Despite of that, she will be misfortune from now on.

Somehow Grimgerde-sama was acting in a different manner after she become the violet dog. Did she just awaken her third personality? Somehow I believe

that she will act different if she just cover her whole body instead of her face only.

The last one was Weisse that was dressed as a white horse. Hah, you do know that your prince in shiny armor was right over here right? ... I'm sorry, I went a bit overboard.

"Um... it a bit late but will everyone be fine in this appearance?"

"Sei-san, there was nothing to worry about. It one of Heimdallr-sama trait that he won't doubt any information given. He will believe that it was a bear if the appearance was one. Even if it was a bit odd."

Ok~ay... it true that up until now, he was a person that accept any kind of information without any doubt but... well since that's the case, I had nothing else to comment.

"So, since we were having a pretty late start but... in the first place, is it even possible for us to catch up to Heimdallr-sama right now?"

"It alright, there was no blunder in this plan. Sei-san, do you still remember the first time when we went and meet Fenrir?"

"The first time when I went to 'Lyngvi' was it...ah! I remember, Schwerte-sama and Helmwig-sama was also with us that time."

"Yup, that's right. That time... the three of us used the rune of 'ehwaz'. As the rune of 'ehwaz' hold the acceleration power. Moreover, the power will increased if multiple people used it at the same time. Thus, if all the members here used the rune of 'ehwaz', even Heimdallr-sama won't catch up to us."

Brynhildr-sama said that proudly while hitting her chest. That was a reliable statement but everything you said sound a bit weird since you were in that appearance.

"It time for us to depart now. Sei-san, please transform into something."

Ah, that's right. It will be pointless for the others to hide their identity if I am in my current state.

Okay, what should I transform into... Even if I had recover from this short amount of time, the magic consumption of Brisingamen was quite high, so it

would be best if I transform into a low cost living creature. Moreover since Brynhildr-sama (bear) said that it won't be weird so... okay, I choose that!

"Mannaz!... okay, Brynhildr-sama, please feast on this!"

This was the thing that I transformed into this time. Which was— a salmon.

"Oh! This was perfect for a bear! You had done a good job in your selection, Sei-san!"

Bearhildr-sama carry me, who was a salmon, joyfully under her arm. I'm glad that she was happy with this.

After this and that, we had finished with our preparation. Then, the mysterious colorful animals ranger hurdle in a circle as if it was pre-plan and began chanting the runic magic.

"[[I worship you the skull of Ymir; Kiss his body. I will now dig up this constant and unchangeable majestic Omniscience. I pledge inseparable to the symbol of togetherness, unity, development, liberty and discomfort! The nineteen rune of Futhark, ehwaz!]]" x6

The moment the chant was finished... all of us become a single pillar of light.

This was truly the speed that exceed our sight. If we weren't protected by the defensive magic that come with this runic magic, we would had been separated due to the wind pressure and *etc.* With this speed, we chased after Heimdallr-sama who had an early start.

Then, the moment when we arrived at the rainbow bridge, 'Bifröst' in that manner— we finally managed to catch up to him.

"Stop your movement, Heimdallr!"

The gallant yet lovely voice resounded in 'Bifröst'. After hearing that, Heimdallr-sama who was crossing the bridge right now, turned his head slowly.

"...just when I thought who it was, so it was just a bear. What's do you want."

Ah, to think that he really didn't realize about it.... Actually, I had some anticipation that he would realize about it though. Please allow me to say this since it had cross my mind for numerous time. Will we be fine with a watchman like him?

“I not sure why you were in a rushed but just now you had traverse at quite a ferocious speed at ‘Forest of Ida Weld’. Actually the shockwave from that ... had injury the parent of this child.”

While saying that, Bearhildr-sama lifted the salmon, which was me, up. So that’s how she plan to start a quarrel. Okay, let me just remain my freshness and silence right now.

“...I see. I had done something inexcusable. I promise that I will apologize properly later.”

“I’m grateful on your concern. But...what’s the point of having Gods if an apology will do! I as the... um... as the guardian of the forest, mascot ranger, will delivered the punishment on you right now!”

Hold it! Didn’t you literally said out mascot just now!?

“I’m sorry, since I cannot stop my movement here. So that punishment... even if brute force was needed, I will put a hold on that, mascot ranger!”

It was not exposed. Actually I wonder why it was not exposed. Come on, I just hoped that it will be exposed now.

“Then, let do it magnificently! Everyone!”

After laying me down on the ground, Bearhildr-sama took out her beloved sword and announced the start of the battle. As a respond to that, the one that was the first to jump out was the Golden tree– Ortlinde-sama.

“Since an assassination was out of the option, it would be best to if we get the drop on him first. Let me take your life!”

Um... can you please don’t go as far as to take his life? Ortlinde-sama armed herself with the twin dagger and begin the ferocious assault immediately after she said that. That stream like refined movement... would had been quite cool if she was not in the tree costume. If only she was not dress up as a tree.

“You had good movement even though you are a tree. But... you’re slow!”

In that moment, there was a flash in Heimdallr-sama eye who stopped evading. Then, he broke the right dagger that was approaching his throat after catching it with his index and middle finger while stopping the left dagger,

which was aiming his stomach, between his thighs and knee. At the same time, he release a powerful back kick from his pivot leg after making a vigorously spin and Ortlinde-sama flew backward while releasing a short shriek.

“Come on, Linde-chan, it not good for you to act alone, got it~? We need to cooperate with each other in time like this. Weisse-chan, can you approach him from the rear. Since onee-chan will approach him from the front, so let do a pinch attack?”

“Okay! Be careful, Raute-onee-chan!”

After receiving the order from Waltraute-sama, this time it was Weisse-chan who ran off. Both of her palm become a sharp claw. She look just like a beast as she dashed in a low position as if she was crawling. No, that’s wrong, since she was actually dressed up in that white horse costume.

“Here we go—!!”

Together with that fighting spirit, she released those compact continuous attack. That attack that came from all direction, since she was making used of her small body frame, did not allow her opponent regardless who it was to make any counterattack at all.

“Hey, it would be bad if you look the other way~?”

While Heimdallr-sama was dealing with Weisse attack, Waltraute-sama attack from the opposite direction with both her sword. It should be a whip instead of a sword as it was equipped with a function to extend the blade part. To be honest, it seem like a difficult weapon to use but it might be good because... the opponent won’t be able to read it trajectory at all.

“That’s good. I will give this combination a full marks. But... I will move forward!”

Weisse aimed toward the back of the head and released an axe kick but Heimdallr-sama stopped it single handedly and holded her up in the sky.

Weisse was spun while being caught at her ankle. Since it had turned into this manner, Waltraute-sama can’t make any reckless attack at all. Since it will be dangerous if Weisse got hit.

“This was the result if you let your opponent see through your motion. It seem like I had took quite some time with this.”

Without letting go of any opportunity, Heimdallr-sama immediately approached Waltraute-sama and released a heavy palm strike toward her solar plexus.

“Ah!? To... to think that you will punch a lady stomach... you... are the worst... fainted.”

“You’re... a female is it? This was inexcusable. I will definitely apology later.”

After realizing his own wrongdoing, Heimdallr-sama let go of Weisse leg and press both his hand together in prayer. Weisse had already lose consciousness when she was put on the ground gently.

“Ah~... I can’t handle it. Grim-onee-chan, I leave it to you...”

“Hah... please leave it to me, Rossweisse! The violet wolf! Will bite away! All the ambition!!”

While making short pause, Grimgerde-sama make various pose for each of her sentence. Since she was this motivated, no one will be able to rival against her. I believe that she will surely be able to succeed in this!

“Hiyah!”

“Argh, this noisy fighting spirit... was totally different from all the other animals. But why I am the evil person...? By the way, are you going to fight with your bare hand?”

“Are you saying you aren’t able to see my weapon? My weapon was... that’s right, it courage!!”

Hold it, didn’t you just said something unrealistic? Moreover, you’re really noisy. I thought that you weren’t able to speak loudly, Grimgerde-sama?

“You had caught my interest. In that case, let me face you with my 100% courage!”

Oh, it seem Heimdallr-sama also said something dangerous! Grimgerde-sama, it seem that you had no choice but to do your best at this point!

The exchanging fist and the clashing spirit. The passionate fight between the two of them which had become a fast pace, it seem that only the god know the result of this fight. This was an effective method to buy time but I hope to see the result of the battle between the two of them.

“Breathe... breathe... as expected if I were to hold back while facing you, there will not be any progress at all.”

“What? Dog... did you just said that you were holding back against me?”

“Yes. But I had decided. I will let you see my true appearance! Cast off!”

Grimgerde-sama immediately took off her mascot costume after shouting that out. After seeing this, even I can't hold back from shouting.

“Hey!? What are you doing with exposing yourself, Grim... Violet wolf!”

“It alright! Since I am wearing a mask normally!”

“No, even though you were wearing it normally, this will just make you a bare face warrior only....”

“Ah.”

After hearing my opinion, she swallowed her breathe. After she regained hers consciousness from petrification, she left the place without saying anything.

“Just now... I felt that I saw Grimgerde... no, I am pretty sure that was just my misconception only...?”

It seem that Heimdallr-sama, who accepted any information without any question, has difficulty in dealing with this situation. Then, there was still time for this. We had to stop him from thinking about it before his thought about that was firm!

“Okay. It a bit repetitive but thanks to everyone for buying time, I'm had finish with my preparation! Come right away and make your appearance, ‘Mystic Hex’!”

The one who proclaimed herself as a savior was the greatest spellcaster among the sisters which was Siegrune-sama dressed as a black cat. She was standing on top of the magic circle that she drew at some point and began chanting the spell of destruction with her staff like Sacred Weapon that she had

just summoned.

“[I worship you the skull of Ymir; Kiss his body. Now I require a response from the exposed behavior of a god that was constant and eternal. To chase after the perfect knowledge of natural laws, to entrust myself to have a have a go at something, as a symbol of knowledge, answer, ritual and disaster, as a sign of fire, hope, conception and enlightenment! The fourth and the sixth rune of Futhark, Ansuz and Kenaz!] Let me show you my trump card... be reduced to ash! ‘Gruen Catastrophic’!”

The moment when she released her mystic secret spell, we were only able to see the scene of overwhelming destruction. Her target was swallowed instantly by that hell fire which burned down everything in the world.

Previously I witnessed Loki and Ortlinde-sama used a grand magic spell that involved the rune of Kenaz. But to my surprised, for Siegrune-sama, this was not even worthy to be known as her God Technique. I wonder how powerful her God Technique was...

By the way, I won't said that 'we had did it!?' Since this was truly a mess. Moreover, the most important thing was whether had we overdid it or not.

Right now, I can only hold my breath while waiting for the dense black smoke to clear up. When the smoke had dissipated a bit, I went and verify the situation and at that moment— I saw Heimdallr-sama who was brushing the smoke away.

“What was that just now?”

“What...!”

How... how could this happened...! Were you saying that he received no damage!? How the heck did he do that!

“It seem you were curious. The trick was... the cloud.”

“Cl... cloud.... The one that was floating in the sky?”

“That's right. Even I am able to use the rune of 'mannaz'. Moreover, there was no one in this world who had stared at the cloud more than me. So, the moment before I got hit, I transform into a cloud and dissolve in the

atmosphere, then I transformed back afterward.

You.... You're lying right? To think that such evasion method existed...

"That's right. No matter how powerful a spell was, it pointless if it does not hit it target...I admit defeat, do whatever you want."

While saying that, Siegrune-sama fall down to her knee. To think that... she would took up the posture of submission by exposing her stomach, in the end it seem that you're the one who was doing her best in acting as the animal.

"Okay. It seem you're the last one standing, blue bear."

Heimdallr-sama immediately look toward Brynhildr-sama with his sharp sight without savouring the aftertaste of the victory. This was bad... to be honest, it seem that Heimdallr-sama strength was on a total different level. To think that the even the Valkyries, who was in fact not this weak at all, were not a match to him.

It seem that the chance of winning a head-on fight was zero. Brynhildr-sama, do you had some kind of plan prepared for this...?

When I look toward her with a worry face, she dropped her stance and looked down toward the ground quietly. Does this mean that she had gave up...? No, that's wrong, she was thinking. On the method to win.

After a few second. They eye of her mascot costume gave off a shine! ...which was something that I felt.

"Watchman, Heimdallr-sama. To be honest, I am not fond of these type of power battle."

"That's go the same for me. If that's the case, how do we settled this match?"

"Okay. Let do this like a bear... the victor and loser will be determined through 'honey collection'."

Actually, Brynhildr-sama, you're the only one who was a bear!?

"I'm fine with that. Mannaz."

Ah, it seem that Heimdallr-sama can also transform into a bear. Moreover, instead of the unmotivated bear costume, he transformed into a real one.

Somehow it more like he was matching with our pace instead of having a fair match.

“The one who collect the most honey will be the victor. The duration of this match will be three days!”

“What? I can’t wait until that long. I’m sorry but let me called off this match.”

“Eh, ah, I see...”

Darn~ just when I thought that we were having the upper hand, it seem that there was no way for him to agree with that duration at all...

“What... what should we do, Sei-san, I had ran out of idea already.”

When she saw that Heimdallr-sama was facing the opposite direction, Brynhildr-sama began to fluster helplessly. If this go on, Heimdallr-sama will head toward Loki location... despite of that, I also don’t had any idea. Damn it... I must do something, something!

At the moment— when despair was born from my feeling of uneasiness.

The ground tremble and gave off a roaring sound and a single shadow fell from the sky at the same timing. In the midst of the sandstorm that was caused by the shadow, the sudden intruder declared this loudly.

“—While carrying the burden from the bright red furnace fire, the steel hold the workmanship spirit. After being blow numerous time by the bellow, the dazzling sword was dye with blood—”

This gallant voice sound quite familiar. Since I knew the owner of this voice which was as clear as a sword.

“The new heroine of the sword ruler. This name also make the dual sword shine! Silver!! Liiion!”

The black and white sword, which she was holding, cut through the sandstorm. Then, the one who appear was the last warrior, the shiny silver king of the beast.



I believed that everyone knew this. The one who was wearing that mascot costume was the 'Ultimate light sword princess', Schwerte-sama.

"Schwer... Silver Lion! Why are you here!? You suppose to meet up with Helmwig and help to clean up the venue...!"

"Yes, that was the plan. But Ane-sama, that Helmwig said this, there was something else that I need to do. Moreover, it a bit early to clean up... as this was my stage!!"

That shout was followed with a dash. The distance become zero with a single dash and a slash was released.

Heimdallr-sama who was still in the bear appearance stood up with his hind leg and began a claw fight. The deadly blow that was exchanged gave off sparks.

"On top of being heavy, it fast. I am able to feel your spirit from each of the strike. But... don't think that you're able to win against me with just your spirit only, silver lion!"

After dropping his waist, he focus all his strength into his naval and release a powerful strike. The bear cross strike that came from the sideways send both of Schwerte-sama sword flying.

This was bad, she was now bare handed! The person who was able to fight against Heimdallr-sama with their bare hand was a feat that can only be done by Grimgerde-sama!

"Hmph... please don't look down on my zero sword style. The shine from the sword symbolized its master influence. That was because—the sheath was in my heart!"

Both of Schwerte-sama hand grasp on the empty space. Then, the sword that was send flying returned to her and release the shine as if it was prostrating to her.

What...! I see, so this was the strength of the sword ruler, Schwerte-sama...! All the sword in this world will prostrate in front of her. She was really worthy of the name, sword princess—

“Spread your wings! ‘Nadel Flugel’!”

The thing that appear as a respond to that was a single slender sword and it began its assault toward Heimdallr-sama like a bird flying freely on the sky.

“I won’t let you escape! ‘Hals Fallen Lassen’!”

Her right leg was controlling the four convenient swords while another single sword appeared from the teared up calf part of the mascot costume. If it was any other ordinary opponent, it head will be chopped off immediately. That’s why Heimdallr-sama was impressive. He calmly analyse the interval of the attack and dealt with it in a precise manner.

“You will be defeated here! ‘Riese un Blingen’!”

Schwerte-sama took advantage of this moment to unleash her biggest sword as her opponent had taken up the defensive stance. That summoned boorish big sword was known as a giant slayer was just like a lump of steel. She swung the sword down to unleash the ultimate killer strike with that thin yet powerful arm of her!

“! Argh!!”

Despite of that... Heimdallr-sama was able to defend against that. While using both of his feet to direct the impact toward the ground, he pushed away that big sword vigorously. What exactly should we do, in order to defeat him?

“I had waited, for this moment...”

In that moment— where we were taken over by the feeling of despair.

Schwerte-sama swords which had increased to six in the end, combine into a single sword in her hand.

“Unleash. God Technique—‘Ziebend Schneider’!!”

After surviving that dreadful attack, by taking advantage of that small window of opportunity, the final sword was unleashed. Which was a glow from the ultimate light.

While being bathed in the dispersed light, that light sword that cut through the enemy in one whole had create a path toward victory. The moment when my chest was overflowing with that certain prediction... we had saw an

unbelievable sight.

“It’s unbelievable. To think there was someone who was able to force me to use 200% of my strength, to think that such a person existed...”

“How... how could this be! I don’t believe this... to think you were unharmed after that...!”

When our hope had turned into despair, he make his appearance, the rainbow watchman. To think that even the renowned Ultimate Light Valkyrie was not a match to him...

“In respect of your strenuous efforts, I grant you permission to leave right away. But, I will not go easy on you if you plan to bother me any further, VALKYRIE.”

“! You... you knew!? About our true identity...! When did you knew about it?”

Brynhildr-sama gave out a shocking shout. Come on, I am pretty sure he knew from the very beginning. It seem everyone had belittle Heimdallr-sama too much.

“That’s simple. I knew when I saw Grimgerde ran away.”

Eh~ it was from that time? Please don’t said that it was simple since you weren’t able to realize it before that.

After that, Heimdallr-sama turned around and jumped toward ‘Bifröst’. After he become one with the seven colour, he was transferred into the human realm.

“Ah, Heimdallr-sama had went to ‘Midgard’...! Let’s make haste, Sei-kun, we must chased after him.”

“No. I can’t rely on all of you since your identity was exposed. From now on... I will handled it by myself.”

“But...”

Brynhildr-sama, who had a worry face, tried to say something. That why I had transformed into my human form to put my index finger near her mouth in order to seal it.

“It alright. Haven’t I said this before? I will never give up, since I am a boar that will always win in the end. That’s why... please believe me this time.”

“Sei-san... I understand. All of us will pray that the operation will be a success. Please be careful... on your journey.”

After they took off their mascot costume, the Valkyrie sisters send me off while standing in a line.

After saying ‘I will be on my way’... I jump toward ‘Bifröst’ vigorously.

A few second after feeling the sensation of being drifted apart, I felt something solid with my foot. It seem like I had managed to reach the human realm ‘Midgard’ safely.

The last time that I had descended in ‘Midgard’ was during the investigation of the miasma that Falsch cause previously. Despite of that, this was the first time that I came here on my own.

Let’s put aside the fact that I had fallen down here numerous time without even using ‘Bifröst’ at all.

“I wonder if Heimdallr-sama was around here. Let’s see... if that’s the case, then I should hurry up and regroup with Loki instead.”

To be honest, Loki and I had rehearsed on a certain crucial part before we executed this plan to steal Brisingamen. As we don’t know what might happen after we stole the necklace— to be on the safe side, we had already planned on which sea to use for the ceremony to lift the curse. Since that’s was decided, it make it possible us to rendezvous with each other.

By the way, all of these were suggestion from Loki. Normally Loki won’t bother to do this but it was his style to do thing carefully when it necessary. Because of that, I was actually saved for numerous times.

“While pretending to head toward the most eastern shore, it was actually toward the west... while the actual route is toward the south. Wait for me, Loki, I am going to meet you now!”

I’m not sure how Heimdallr-sama realized that Loki had stolen the necklace but I’m pretty sure that he don’t know where Loki was heading to in ‘Midgard’.

If I were to rendezvous with Loki first and warned him about this, I am pretty sure we can come out with a method to overcome this trial. While grasping on the ray of hope, I transformed into a pigeon and immediately flew toward the south shore—‘Vágasker reef area’.

A few hours had passed since I started flying. The moment when my magic power, which was slightly recovered after the concert, had nearly depleted, I had finally reached my destination. It was lucky that I am able to find Loki immediately after transforming back to my boar form as I had to conserve my magic power.

“Hey~ Loki~!”

“Hm? Oh, Sei! Wait for a moment, I will head toward you now.”

After noticing me, Loki, who was killing time by fishing up until now, immediately approached me. It seems like he was being considerate toward me as it was hard to walk.

“How’s the plan? Wait, hold it, since you had come here purposely...”

Loki stiffened his expression as he immediately figured out the whole situation. Loki, you really were quite good at deduction. I am proud to be your partner.

“It just like what you had expected, Loki. It was perfectly fine during the concert but after that, something happened... this was exposed to Freya-sama. So, Heimdallr-sama was chasing after you right now.”

“Heimdallr? Why was he chasing after me?”

“That was because... it was a request from Freya-sama. She said that Loki was not trustworthy. In addition, she also worried that you might not return the necklace at all.”

“Huh!? What’s with that... if that’s the case, I don’t care about it! I will leave it to you guys!”

While I was in the middle of explaining the situation, Loki became furious. This was normal as... anyone would be hurt by that. That was an expected reaction, since it was predictable. But... it was pointless if we end this here.

“You can’t, Loki. You had to do it till the end.”

“Huh? Sei, stop bullshitting. What’s the point of me doing this for the person who was treating me like a thief?”

“The point of doing this was so that you won’t be treated as a thief.”

“!”

After hearing my decisived reply, Loki opened his eye widely while being calm. Since he was willing to lend his ear to me, I continue further on.

“Loki, you had once done something that cause Freya-sama to have a grudge against you right? Although it was partly because of the effect from Seiðr and some uncontrollable factor, but in reality you had done that. I’m sure you still have memory on the first time when you stole the necklace.”

“Ah—... well, I’m have vague memory on it. But it not like I have any ill intention... that’s wrong. If it was based on the truth, I am unable to deny it or give excuse on that.”

Loki expressed his comprehension after accepting those word like a man. Then, I continue further on.

“But, this time was different from the previous. Since we had a valid reason this time, I am sure that Freya-sama will be glad. That why if we were to stop now, Loki, you will remained as an untrustable Loki forever. I don’t want it to end like that... that’s why please stick to this till the end.”

I am sure that... something will changed if we do this.

Loki remain silent while looking toward the sky after he heard my opinion. After a short moment of silence, he shook his head vigorously and gave out a big sigh as if he had made a clean solution.

“Okay, okay, I understand, sigh. But Sei... you’re really amazing. To think that the day where I would get lectured by you would arise.”

About that, yup...I also had the same thought. During my first conversation with Loki, I stiffen myself and was so nervous until I want to dig with my nose and prostrate myself.

Despite of that, Loki always looked after such a person like me... he even went and did some reckless thing in his own way but he was a good fellow after all. I

feel quite comfortable around him instead of being on the same page as him.

“I want to help you, Loki, in the same way like how you had helped me. I will always be your ally... as you had acknowledge me as your ally.”

To think those embarrassing statement was able to come out in such a natural manner. Loki was sneering while saying I was a fool but it not that bad at all. I’m just happy that I was able to experience this warm feeling.

But— the voice that snatch away this warm feeling, suddenly came from our back.

“So Saehrimnir was your ally. That’s mean... he was my enemy now.”

“!!”x2

The moment when we heard that, Loki and I immediately jumped away from the spot. The one who was looking toward us while standing on the rocky area was none other than the watchman of ‘Bifröst’, Heimdallr-sama.

“Heimdallr...what’s happen to your job? To think that you were wagging your tail toward Freya and even came here nonchalantly.”

“You have no rights to say this since you don’t have a job and you always wander aimlessly. So, will you hand over the necklace to me obediently?”

“Please wait for a moment, Heimdallr-sama. Loki did not stole the necklace for his own personal gains! He was just trying to lift the curse of the necklace only!”

I appeal to him desperately. I believed that he will understand if we had a discussion on this. Since Heimdallr-sama was a person that won’t doubt any information that he received.

Despite of that, I was surprised with what Heimdallr-sama said next.

“I’m aware that there was some circumstance. I’m also aware that there was no ill intention.”

“Eh...? If that’s the case, why...?”

Heimdallr-sama remain silence toward my question. In exchange of that, he show us a certain thing after searching for it in his loin cloth.

“!! That...! It the legendary Freya-sama fan club member card!!”

“Huh? Why you that shocked, Sei, I heard that you had the same thing though?”

“Same? Loki, don’t act like a fool! That was totally different from mine!”

That right. Because that’s the legendary—single digit member card!

“Club member ‘no.2’. Putting aside the Chief God, Odin-sama who obtained ‘No. 1’ easily with his authority, this was the most precious number. Were both of you able to comprehend about this?”

Ah! That explain everything! In another word, Heimdallr-sama was the most modest vegetable of Freya-sama in this world. I’m sure that it mean everything to him when he was carrying out her order...!

“I see... I understand it now. So that’s mean that Heimdallr-sama, you were aware of our plan this time?”

“Hey... hey hold it, what do you mean by that? I totally had no clue about that.”

“In another word, Loki. As Heimdallr-sama was Freya-sama top fan, he was waiting eagerly for the concert. Then, he just so happen to peek at the dressing room with his outstanding vision that was mostly used for detecting the Giants.”

“Wait, shouldn’t that be a crime? As it was a violation to our privacy.”

“Putting that aside, that was how Heimdallr-sama gotten winds that we had stolen the necklace. But I believed that we shared the same thought. In order to not ruin the concert, Heimdallr-sama remain silence until the concert end. After that, he planned to expose everything to Freya-sama when the concert had ended.”

“Oh... in another word, he abandoned his guarding position by heading toward the concert venue was it?”

“Was it bad?”

“I’m not saying it bad but... I’m sure that with your sight, you were able to observe the concert regardless on your location in the God realm right?”

“Don’t be foolish, Loki. Instead of watching, it more about participating.”

“Heimdallr-sama, you said something great just now!”

“Hey Sei, were you really my ally?”

Argh. No, of course, I’m your ally. But it more like I had the same thoughts as Heimdallr-sama...

“Freya-sama had requested me to do this. So in order to respond to her request, I will do this regardless of the circumstance. So, since you had understand it now, I hope that you will hand over the necklace obediently. As I will carry out this task till the end.”

“...But we also had our own expectation that we must carry out! Isn’t that right? Loki.”

“Actually, it seem that thing were becoming quite foolish now but...”

“Please don’t say that!?”

After listening to Heimdallr-sama and my maniac conversation, Loki motivation had decreased drastically. In order to turn on his motivation switch again, it seem that some forcefully innovation was needed.

“Anyway, let escape first! That’s right, let jump into the sea! Since we can undo the curse while escaping, so isn’t it like we were killing two bird with one stone?”

“Oh, okay. By the way, I not good at swimming. I also can’t transform into any marine creature. There was no choice since there were no sea in ‘Asgard’.”

‘If it was freshwater fish, then...’ was what the confidence-less Loki muttered. I can’t believe this, it seem that even the number one expert in transformation of the God realm was not perfect.

“If that’s the case, it would be fine if you just imitate me. Even though I said that, I can only transform into the earless seal which I had research from the encyclopaedia... rune of ‘mannaz’!”

While saying that, I transformed into an earless seal. I haven’t transform into this ever since I dived into the lake to search for the magic sword ‘Rigel’. I actually thought that there won’t be much appearance time for this even

though I had learn the transformation but it seem that my previous action on a whim was quite useful.

“Earless seal is it? I would had prefer for a cooler creature but I had no rights to be selfish. ...okay! I had memorized it! Let’s us begin our three day sea trip!”

“Okay!”

Since someone like Loki can’t transform into a marine creature, I’m sure that it the same for Heimdallr-sama. It seem that we were able to buy some time at ease from now on,—

“As expected of Saehrimnir. The rumour was right, you were quite skilled with the rune of ‘mannaz’. But that transformation... I had just memorized it.”

“Huh...! How could that be, Heimdallr-sama was... a huge earless seal!”

Damn it, what was that! I had completely underestimated him. I had accounted the fact that he won’t be able to see the transformation in detail as there was a great distance between us but... I had forgotten that our opponent was Heimdallr-sama. Since he possessed that amazing vision, this distance mean nothing to him...!

“This was bad, if this go on... hey Sei! Hold yourself back from swimming nonchalantly, we need to break off from him!”

“Hii! I am actually quite tired~!!”

—just like this, Loki and I and also Heimdallr, who had transformed into an earless seal, began the battle at Singasteinn for three day and three night.

Afterward, this stern and fierce battle was known as the ‘Great battle of the Earless Seal’ and it was carved deeply in the history of the Norse mythology, at the same time... those who heard about this in the future will surely laugh at this—

On the fourth day of the outbreak of mysterious earless seal battle, Loki and I went to Freya-sama mansion as we were dragged by Heimdallr-sama.

In the audience hall, other than Freya-sama, Mardoll-sama was also present. Even Brynhildr-sama and the other Valkyries were standing beside the two of them.

“Freya-sama, I’m sorry for my tardiness. As you can see, I had capture Loki.”

“Heimdallr-sama, thank you for your effort... actually it seem like it was quite tiring for you right?”

“Yes, greatly. By the way, I didn’t expect a reward for this but... would it be okay for me to get your signature after this?”

“Of course, it okay! We will prepared the fancy cardboard and delivered it to you, so please wait patiently for it.”

After he was showed with the greatest treasure of the nine world, ‘the Goddess smile’ at a close distance, Heimdallr-sama turned toward his back silently and expressionless. Then, he left the audience hall calmly in that manner.

“Hmm, somehow he doesn’t look that happy...”

Freya-sama shown an unease expression as she was troubled by Heimdallr-sama weak reaction.

No, it pointless for you to worry about it. That was because he was the ‘no. 2’ in term of the fan club member. So, as long as we have proof of that, his loyalty and love will remain unchanged.

“So, Loki-chan. Can you return Brisingamen to me right away?”

“Oh, if that’s the case... here you go, now I am sure that I had returned it to you.”

Loki took out Brisingamen from his pouch and returned it to Freya-sama. After she took that by hand, she observed it carefully and made a nod while smiling.

“Okay, there was no doubt that this was the real deed. I’m happy that you returned it to me earnestly. Then~, let discuss about the curse now.”

“There was no need for that. If you are talking about the temptation spell, I had already lifted it.”

“I can’t believe this, did you really did it? Mardoll, was Loki telling the truth?”

As expected, it seem that Freya-sama doesn’t trust Loki at all, since she asked

Mardoll-sama, who was standing beside of her, to verify it. After that, Mardoll-sama stared at the Brisingamen and reply immediately as if she had done with the verification.

“Yup, it fine! The cursed had been completely lifted. It seem you had done a good job, Loki-chan.”

“I see~... okay. It seem that you had lifted it properly. So, it seem that you had done a good job.”

“Hmm~? Freya, was that all? Wasn’t there something else you had to say?”

“Mardoll, were you expecting me to thank him? Let me said this first, he reap what he sow as he was the reason why I distrust him.”

“That’s the truth. But on the other hand— when will he had the chance to regain your trust?”

After Mardoll-sama pointed that out, Freya-sama become awkward as she remain silence.

That silence of her was the answer. I am sure that even Freya-sama, had realized it by now also. That Loki had stolen the Brisingamen out of good will this time.

“It okay, I am not that particular of it anyway. As this was a result since I had made a mistake in the current task. ‘To do it without being discovered’... the moment when I am unable to do that, this plan had already failed. Since it was the same as previous.”

“Huh? Previous... what’s that? What are you talking about?”

“Argh. No, forget about it. Since there was nothing special about it.”

I wonder what Loki was trying to say. It seem like he doesn’t want to talk about it as it was rare for him to be flustered. Despite of that, Freya-sama doesn’t allow him to evade the subject as it had caught her interest... so in the end, Loki had no choice but to come clean with it.

“For God sake... it about Freya first encounter with Brisingamen. That day, you went out for a walk without any guards as you had woke up early on a whim. Moreover, to think that you had even went on a trip to ‘Niflheim’

thoughtlessly.”

“Thoughtlessly... I had the rights to choose where I went for a walk.”

“Ah, rights. That why I am unable to say anything to you. But... you were actually being targeted during that time. By the king of Jotun—‘Surtr’.”

“! I don’t believe you...”

The king of Jotun, Surtr—even I had heard about him.

Previously, he stole Thor-sama hammer, Mjölhnir and demanded Freya-sama body in return. Instead of that, Surtr was defeated by Thor-sama and the Jotun throne was left vacant after that. After that, numerous ‘self-proclaimed king’ giants appeared and started their own kingdom after they divided the lands on their own.

In another word... that means Freya-sama encountered with Brisingamen happened when Surtr was still alive.

“Since we don’t know when Surtr will make his move, I was assigned as your guard when you went out for a walk without any second thought. So, as I don’t want to cause you any needless trouble, I remain silent about it. Moreover, I had confidence that I was able to ‘do this till the end without being discovered’ but... it seem that I had left my guard down. As I was fully bewitch by the bewitching spell that you casted.”

While saying that, Loki felt ashamed and scratched his head.

But even I understand how he felt. And it seem that Freya-sama also had the same thought.

“What’s with that...? Doesn’t that mean... I actually had no reason to hate you on that day? Since you were doing it for my sake. To think that I didn’t realize about it...”

“Of course, you won’t know since you weren’t informed that. So it was not your fault at all.”

“No, it my fault. Since I went and used Seiðr due to my strong desire to have that necklace. Despite of that, I had always hated you... without even knowing about the truth. I’m sorry, Loki. I am really... sorry.”

Loki show a worry expression while shrugging his shoulder as he looked at Freya-sama who was giving an earnest apology. It seem that Loki was not pleased with the result but... I am glad that it ended like this.

There was a saying that 'it better if you're not aware of it' but... I am sure that there are tons of benefit that you can only get after knowing it. Thus, this tragic fate had finally ended today, and the truthful tomorrow will continued from now on. I believed that... that was the best result.

"By the way... Sei-chan."

Once Freya-sama had finish apologizing, she look toward me out of the blue. I am unable to respond to her as I was caught by surprise but she continue further without paying any heed on it.

"I had almost forgotten about this as various thing had happened but you... transformed into Brisingamen right? During the concert."

"Eh? Yes, I did."

"Don't you think it was awesome?"

That statement that was directed at me hold two different meaning. That was Freya-sama honest thought and it was also seeking agreement from those who present. That why, other than me, everyone else nodded their head silently.

Freya-sama continue on after she saw the nod.

"Actually, I had some curiosity from the very beginning but... as expected Sei-chan, you not an average person at all right? First, was the dragon, then it was Gullinkambi and now it was Brisingamen. Was there any chance that you were able to transform into something else also?"

"Um... well, yes..."

It just like what Freya-sama said, I can also transformed into Fenrir and Brynhildr-sama shield (Erlösung Schilt). But it not like I will tell her about this. Other than those, the possibility was unlimited... which was just my thought.

"Amazing! It decided! I had decided! Hey, Sei-chan, I want you to become my possession from now on! Ah, it not like I am treating you like an object okay? Since I will be giving you plenty of affection at all time so I want you to stay by

my side!”

“What...”

I become dumbfounded once I heard that unexpected statement. But at that moment, the Valkyries, who was standing beside of her, voiced out their outright rejection.

“Freya-sama, that was unfair of you! If that’s the case, I also want Sei-kun to be with me the most! I want him to be my one and only Sei-kun!” (Rossweisse)

The one who voiced out her true feeling without any hesitation was the ninth sister, Weisse. It was without a doubt that her innocent feeling of wanting a company was her good trait. But—

“Then... then I also... no, it nothing. On second thought, to be honest, it not like it nothing at all but” (Grimgerde)

“Ah, hold it! Before that, I also want Sei! As he will become my source of revenue! Thus, I won’t allow anyone to interfere with my plan!” (Helmwige)

“I already mentioned that he didn’t said that at all, Wige-nee-san! For God sake, I can’t stand to watch it anymore... it seem that I have no choice but to shelter you...” (Siegrune)

The Valkyries had started to voice out each of their opinion to possess me unanimously.

Their desire to make me theirs. To have me by their side. Their desire, which was caused by that single statement, started to spread like the ripple on the water surface.

“Siegrune, it obvious that you had an ulterior motive for that. So, I will take care of Sei-dono as I can’t entrust him to a person who had a wicked heart.” (Schwerte)

“Hmph. Just when I though what you were saying, that whitewashing was so like you, Schwerte. So, in order to avoid any conflict, how about we just agreed to cut him up? Of course, Linde will receive the biggest portion.” (Ortlinde)

Don’t—you can’t do that. You shouldn’t said that, that was because—

“How could you... I am sure that I will get what left of him only if we do that...

but on the other hand, it better than nothing..." (Grimgerde)

"Grim-chan~? Please rest assured as we won't cut him up for real okay~? Come on, since all of you sound so dangerous, Onee-san will take the responsibility and look~ after~ you." (Waltraute)

My heart started to beat faster. Somehow it sound like something was broken. Moreover, my vision was mixed with black colour, I'm sure....

I sure that it just my imagination—which was not.

"Hold... hold it, everyone, please stop it now! Sei-san will not become anyone possession!"

In that scene where everyone declare their desire to possess me, that declaration was made. Brynhildr-sama was trying to calm down everyone at once but it... was too late.

In the audience hall that had become noisy and lively, I moved backward slowly. After transforming into my human form, I closed the open door softly and escaped from the place without being discovered.

"Ah... hold it... what going on...! Why was everyone scrambling for me...!?"

I squeeze out my hoarse voice during the interval of my messy breathing.

Of course, it not like I am not enjoying it. This situation was the best. If it was the previous me, I might be jumping in joy because of this. But—

"Don't...come out...! I sure that I was in control of it...!!"

The black sediment that was crammed inside of my body was going on a rampage to break the wall where it were sealed. What's with this strength... it seem like I won't be able to stop it by imagining the same wall.

How did this happen? Was it because it had sensed the desire from multiple people at the same time? Which caused the cursed to become stronger? Or perhaps was it because... I spend three night together with Brisingamen (other curse) while lifting it?"

I'm not sure of it. But right now the cause was not important. The most important thing was the black sediment that was trying to escape from its vessel.

“Go back... that’s not what you think it was! I had no worth at all! No one desired to possess me at all!!”

I try to persuade it with those reassuring words but it wasn’t enough to stop the curse from going on a rampage. Will I... be able to control this monster for the second time?

That’s wrong... I had no choice but to do it. I must do it at all cost. Else, I...!

I... — will end up killing someone —.

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Chapter 5 – The color of the lonely Saehrimnir

After Freya-sama concert that everyone in 'Asgard' was anticipating had ended, after the troublesome temptation spell had been lifted and ended, the various troubles that was caused by Mardoll-sama had been all been settled.

In the midst of that, we were able to help Loki and Freya-sama to reconciled, so it was a good end. After we had sendoff Mardoll-sama, who was heading back to 'Midgard' in a lively way, the usual peacefulness of 'Asgard' had returned.

But there was one matter—where I was able to avoid the worst case scenario after my curse had went on a rampage.

“...I felt that...it almost calm down.”

The morning in my own room, I stand in front of the mirror and carefully check my body thoroughly. The thing that I was concerned on was not my appearance but it was to check whether the black sediment, which was similar to the cold breath during winter, had disappeared from my body or not.

A few day after the conflict during the concert was solved. I had holed up myself in my room by using the excuse that I was feeling down. Of course, the reason for doing that was because I am able to avoid having any encounter.

After that conflict... I afraid that due the declaration from Freya-sama and the Valkyries which imply that they wanted to owe me had caused my curse, where it will kill the owner, to become stronger. Up until now, I was somehow able to control the curse by using my wall of consciousness but since that wall was

overtaken, it would be easy to regain control on it by using an ordinary method.

“Is it alright now...? For me to return to where everyone is.”

That was not an easy judgement at all. That was because somehow will die if I had made the wrong move. As this was that type of curse after all.

But... nothing will happen if I just holed myself here.

The usual daily life. The cycle of life that everyone was living in. I had returned back to ‘Valhalla’ because I desired for that type of future. It would had been better for me to remain obediently in Andvari workshop if I am able to interact with anyone. Which was told by my shadow—Falsch.

“...No, I can’t! How long do you plan to remain like this, me!”

I will never lose to my curse. I will challenge it. If I do that—I will become the usual me.

“Okay! Let do the best for today also~!”

The declaration of my new determination resounded in my chest and also toward the wide blue sky that was just outside of my window.

Who care about this curse that kill it owner? Who care what happen if it go on a rampage? That was not my concern at all. I will just try my best in enjoying the peaceful day that remain unchanged up until yesterday.

Today was the first day, so let try my best to live as normal as possible. ‘Today was really a peaceful day that does not worth to be mentioned’, which was what I wrote down in my dull diary. ...Well, in the first place, I only write a diary sometime.

Nevertheless, let proof it. That I was able to control my curse perfectly... also for this time.

“Okay, let go for the morning jogging first! I can’t start my day without doing this!”

After I done some light warm up exercise, I went out of my room and dashed with all my might toward the starting point which was the entrance of the main building of ‘Valhalla. Let start right away as the warm up was quite sufficient.

“Hi Hi Fu, Hi H Fu... huh? Witige-san?” (Hi hi fu is sound of breathing)

While running with the relaxing breathing method that I came up with recently, I spotted Witige-san. Hm... as expected of the strongest Einherjars that hold the title of ‘the black sword saint’. He was even number one in term of waking up early among the Einherjar.

“Good morning, Witige-san! You’re quite early!”

“Oh, it nice to meet you, Sei-dono. Good morning to you too. What’re you talking about, the morning for the old folks was always early as I can avoid boredom by taking care of the plant.

He only do this when he was in the mood but... in addition to that, Witige-san was returning to the building while holding the scissor for pruning and the watering pot.

“Ah, let me help you in carrying one of them.”

“Hm? Ah, it okay, thank you for your concern. As I can’t afford to bother Sei-dono jogging routine.”

“It okay. I am just jogging for exercise purpose only, so I will also be exercising if I help you to carry the baggage.”

“Is that the truth? If that’s the case, I will accept your offer.”

While saying that, Witige-san handed me the watering pot hesitantly. After I transformed into my human appearance, I took the watering pot and headed back to the entrance of the entrance.

“This feel so nice.”

Witige-san suddenly muttered that out while walking.

“What were you referring to?”

After I enquired him on that, Witige-san narrow his eye, which was already quite narrow in the first place, and answered me.

“It expected since I didn’t got marry but I don’t have any children at all. I had treated Beruze as my son but... at this time when I am walking while bathing in the sunlight with you, Sei-dono... it somehow give me the impression that you

were like my grandchild.”

“Witige-san...”

I am his grandchild was it... I am quite happy since he had that thought. Even though I had a non-blood related father and a mother but as a matter of fact, I haven't met my grandfather nor my grandmother yet.

“Seriously... **I really desired** a thoughtful grandchild like you, Sei-dono.”

“!?”

It was a desire... after all!?

“Ha ha... let stop it with that joke on desiring.”

“Ho ho, this was not necessary a joke. What's your thought, Sei-dono? Let test it out, how about you pretend to be my grandchild right now? Will you please grant the hopeless desire of this old man?”

De... desire...!? That's not good... you mustn't have that thought!! The thought of wanting me, to be overcome by your own greed, you mustn't have that... thought!!

“I'm... I'm sorry, Witige-san, something emergency came out so...”

“? Ah, since that's the case, I don't mind if you stop here.”

“I'm sorry... I had originally plan to escort you back to your room but.”

“It fine, there was nothing for you to worry about. I am quite happy that you had accompany this senile old man, which does not have much time left, until here. As the time for a youngster to remain young was quite precious.”

Witige-san nodded his head while saying that kindly as if he was persuading me. That was great... as he willing to give up on this without putting a fight. It seem like there was no need for me to worry about this. Since it had ended like this, it doesn't seem like his sudden desire was caused by my curse at all,

“By the way, Sei-dono. About that emergency— when will you be done with that?”

“...eh...?”

The moment I gave out a sigh of relief—my thought was interrupted by the

question that Witige asked me with his hoarse voice. Witige-san continue further as he saw that I was petrified and didn't answer him.

"I want a grandchild like Sei-dono. This was the truth. I desire you, Sei-dono, it fine even if you were not my grandchild. I beg of you, Sei-dono...please, please be mine..."

"...I, hate it!!"

The two embracing arm. The blood red cold eye. I gave out a shout unintentionally by the dreadful figure, which was similar to a deceased, that was approaching me. After hearing that scream, Witige-san gasped for breath as if he had regain his consciousness.

"Hm... what had I done. To think that I had made such a reckless urge.... Please forget this as it seem that I had shown an unsightly part of me."

Witige-san made a profound bow.

This was wrong... it was not you who should apologize, Witige-san. The reason that caused him to act this way... was surely me.

"I'm sorry...! I sorry...!"

After saying sorry, I immediately escape toward the front of Witige-san. I am sure that he will not have any more influence than this if I kept my distance from him.

That right—it will be the same as always. As long as I don't get close to him anymore.

After that I continue with my plan jogging... which I am unable to do, I locked myself in my room and look at my hoof.

Normally, this was the time for me to have my breakfast at the big canteen. Somehow, I do not feel like going out. Just a bit more... just a bit more, I will just wait for time to pass.

"Fuu... Is it about time for the Einherjars to finish their breakfast?"

Ten minutes later, I got up from my bed with a sluggish movement while muttering that.

If they had finish with their breakfast, I'm sure that they were heading to the practice field to start their training. There should not be any person at the big canteen at this time frame, so I can be at ease and enjoy my...break...

"... What do you meant by at ease, me..."

Even though I had plan to act normally but... to think that I was unable to do that this fast. I will hesitate involuntarily when I entered a place where there was a lot of human.

"Damn... this doesn't seem good. Remain calm, remain calm."

It alright. There still chance to overcome this. I will not lose to the curse of the ring at all.

After stepping out of my room, I headed toward the big canteen. After I saw the morning shift senior wiping the messy table that was caused by the Einherjars, I call out to the Chef Head in the kitchen.

"Good morning, Chef Head."

"Oh, good morning, Sei-kun! Were you fine now?"

"Well, thanks for your concern. Um... I want to have my breakfast, so was there any leftover?"

"Huh... did something happened. We might only some leftover after the Einherjars took a bite of it. Hm... let see, ah, the veggie sandwich. We also had Caesar salad and the cabbage Chou croute."

"It seem that they did a good job in leaving veggie only..."

It seem that most of the Einherjars were really carnivorous. Well, this might be the side effect of the 'ratatouille punishment'.

"Ah, we still had the bread for Crostini and the pork Rillettes. Since this was the case, I had hidden some Fromage for titbit at the back but... if you were fine with it, want to have some together?"

While saying that, the Chef Head made a posture as if he was gulping down a drink. Of course, it will be non-alcohol as I am still a minor. But the mead is a special exception.

“Of course, I will accompany you as it feel great to treat yourself to something from morning.”

“Okay!”

Immediately after that, the Chief Head began preparation for the breakfast. Since I had worked for a long time as a kitchen staff, it was an easy feat for me to prepare some simple snack. While the Chef Head was slicing the Fromage, I turned into my human form to prepare the salad and toast.

“I’m quite surprised, Sei-kun, it seem you had become quite skilled. Let’s help ourselves to it before someone disturb us.”

“Yes! Here I go!”

Yup, it delicious! I thought that it was just a shabby leftover but it was quite a grand breakfast in the end. I should gave my thanks to the veggie hater, muscle brain warrior.

“Actually, I am only able to experience it at time like these. That it was really a good thing that you were not fired from the ‘Valhalla Kitchen’. But I was quite frustrated that I had lose.”

“Ah~, was this about the previous cooking battle?”

“Yes. To be honest... I had always **desire it**. For an outstanding talent like you.”

“!?”

Desire... always? Hold it, did the Chef Head... said that just now...!?

“I am sure you had the talent to be a cook. If it was you, I am able to be at ease and entrust my teachings to you. Hey, Sei-kun, will you be my disciple... Sei-kun? Why did you stood up so sudden?”

“I’m sorry, Chef Head... I suddenly remember... that I was entrusted with a task.”

“Hm... was that so. There was no helping it if you sudden remember about it but will you be fine if you leave now?”

“Yes, probably... Um... the breakfast was quite delicious. I will take my leave,”

“Ah, hold it for a moment. Before you go... can I hear your answer first?”

From my back, Chef Head called out to me with his awfully inhuman voice to stop me who was plan to leave right away. Chef Head enquire this while I turn around in a frightful way.

“I sure **you** are fine with the present but... will you become? My disciple. I want to hear your answer for this right away.”

“Of... of course, I will...”

“Oh! That’s great! Then, from now on you are my disciple in name and in reality. I sure you don’t had any another master right? In another word... **you are my only** disciple.”

“!!”

My fur stood up as I felt a terrifying presence. While ignoring my current condition, the Chef Head continue on happily.

“Hey, Sei-kun. If it fine with you, it will help you with your entrusted task. Come on, don’t be so modest. Since I am your master after all, I will not let you out of my sight even for a moment. That was because I can’t stand it if you were taken by others during that moment.”

“No, it really was fine.”

“I won’t allow it!! ...I’m sorry but I can’t let you leave without me. So, let us go together, Sei-kun. Okay?”

“Didn’t I said that it was fine!!”

I ended up raising my voice as he was too persistent. After hearing my angry voice, the Chef Head showed a surprise and bewilder face and said.

“Huh... how odd. Why am I clinging on you this tight? I sorry for being persistent, Sei-kun, I’m really sorry...”

“That... wait... this not it. The one at fault... was all me...”

It was hard to look at Chef Head appearance who apology to me with his hat down. As I was unable to hold back this feeling, I ran out of the big canteen like a runaway rabbit.

“What was it... what going on! I don’t want to see Chef Head acting like that but...”

I had determine that I will have a normal life but— it seem like it might be much harder than I thought....

The place that I arrived after running away from Chef Head was in front of Heizu milking room.

It not like I came here purposely but... what will happen? Can I... act as usual in front of Heizu? I am sure that Heizu will act as usual though...

“Hey Heizu— huh? She not here...”

I didn’t plan to look as I just plan to have a peek. But when I try to knock with my hoof, I ended up looking at the inside through the small gap and was able to confirm that she was not around. I felt disappointed at myself who was glad at this situation.

“Since Heizu was not around... then let try and meet Ikusu at the same time.”

Anyway, I want to look for someone that I am able to have a normal conversation. So, I had no choice but to try it out. After I pass through the milking room, I walk toward the big farm at the inner part.

Then, I saw an unexpected scenery there.

“Gigantic Spiritual Rainbow Shower!”

Ikusu make numerous small rainbow in the blue sky by splashing a large amount of water from her antler.

“Oh... it beautiful. Iku-tan, you were amazing.”

The one who clapped her hand after seeing Ikusu street like performance was Heizu who was in her human form. I see, the reason why she was not in her room was because she had come here.

“Yo, the two of you. It seem you were enjoying yourselves.”

“Ah, it was Se-tan.”

I just approach them while pretending to be normal. Then, while remain in her sitting position, Heizu turned her head toward me and greet in an apology

way. On the other hand, Ikusu dash toward me in a hurry and gave me a powerful hug after transforming to her human form.

“Yo, Oshishou-sama!! I had wanted to meet you, okay~? Since it seem that Oshishou-sama had not came to ‘Valhalla’ for quite some time... I **hope** you can drop by sometime!”

Ho...hope... no, this sound a bit different from the desire toward me. Sigh, it seem that I am being too sensitive toward this. It would be bad if that become a habit...

“Ha ha, please forgive me, Ikusu. I was quite busy with Mardoll-sama as something had happen. I would like to thank you... for being my replacement in becoming everyone dinner at that time.”

“Ah! I feel so happy that you thank me!! But there was no need for you to thank me at all! As I declared previously, I am a masochist, so I am quite happy in doing this!”

After saying that boldly and letting me go, Ikusu put both her hand at her waist and reclined. It... it true if she put it that way... I should not concern about it as the main person had told me not to.

“... Hey, Se-tan... did something happen.”

“Eh...?”

At that moment— after saying something out of the blue, Heizu somehow managed to look through the heart of this matter. As I was surprised by this, I immediately try to avoid this subject.

“It... it not like anything had happened... ha ha, what do you had that though?”

“Somehow... it seem like you were being a bit over caution. That was why I was able to figure it out. That was because Heizu had always look at the open Se-tan.”

That... that was odd, was I this open for this whole time? I thought that I had a full-proof poker face though.

But—that was right. It exactly as what Heizu had said, I am indeed being

caution right now. Not only against Heizu and Ikusu... I am being caution toward everyone in the world.

“Se-tan. Heizu was not that smart and also not good at speaking. That why, Heizu’s ears were always ready to hear the voice that can’t be heard. If you had something troubling you... can you tell Heizu about it?”

“Eh, huh? Oshishou-sama, do you had something you were worry about? I am sure that I am at least able to listen to your worry! I hope you can discussed it with us as we can only do the hearing.”

“! ... thank you... both of you...!”

I felt like I was save by the both of their kindness through their warm words.

There was no need to hide it right? Okay, let me reveal it here.

I don’t want to rely on them but... it would be best to rely on other at time like this. I was able to make it this far as I always have everyone who was able to lead me to the answer if I were to ask.

That why this time also—

“That gratitude sound so reserved. Se-tan had already become a crucial person in ‘Valhalla’. Se-tan **belong to everyone**. He had become an existence that **no one can let go of**.”

...what... Hold it, Heizu, that...!

“That right! But as his number one disciple, Oshishou-sama is **my only** Oshishou-sama! I will **not let go** of this~! I had already **keep him to myself** for a long time!”

“...Ah...um...”

I can’t believe this... even Ikusu...

I... belong to everyone...? An existence that no one can let go of? Things like not let go of this... and keep him to myself, those...

“What were you talking about? Iku-tan. I will not ley you keep him to yourself. Se-tan belong to everyone. One day, he will belong to Heizu only... okay.”

“Huh? I am unable to ignore that, Heizu-san. Oshishou-sama only disciple was

me. In another words, I am the only special existence for Oshishou-sama. Wasn't that right? Oshishou-sama."

Stop it... just stop it! Don't said that I belong to you or you will keep me to yourself!

That was because...—I am capable to kill both of them whenever I want!

"Huh, Oshishou-sama!? Where were you going all of a sudden!?"

"Hm... I don't know. But... it seem like he was in pain..."

After I realized that, I immediately faced my back toward them and escape from the farm immediately.

I am really sorry... but I am also scared. To be honest... I was able to hear it for a while already.

—All the greedy person, the endless misfortune—

I wonder if this voice was my true intention. Or was it a resentment from Andvari. I was no longer able to differentiate between them.

But... every time I heard that creepy voice, it seem like some black sediment was trying to crawl out of my body. Then, it will creep toward my treasure people and... strangle them.

That despicable illusion... I was able to see it quite clear.

"Haa... haaa, hmm... this, where am I?"

As I was being absorbed in running, it seem that I went through the 'rainbow void' of the world tree while having the thoughts of going as far as possible.

This was my first time being teleport without having a place in mind. In order to find out where I was teleported to, I took a deep breathe to calm myself and begin to observe at my surrounding.

"!! This... isn't this... Brynhildr-sama room!"

I had forgotten to breathe as I was surprised by this and it cause me to cough violently. I can't believe that I am an effeminate boar. While being depressed, I had unconsciously thought of wanting to be pampered by my beloved...

"But it seem that... Brynhildr-sama was not in her room."

I stepped out of the room while giving out a complicated sigh that was mixed with both the feeling of relief and regret of not being able to see her. At that moment, a shout of astonishment came from the side of me.

“Huh, Sei-kun! Why were you coming out of Onee-chan room?”

“What was this? During this time, Hildr-nee should be absent as she was away on her mission... Sei-shi, were you on a sneaking mission from this early morning? I want you to show me your victory loot.”

“Wait, hold it! I don’t remember that I had undertaken that mission and I didn’t steal anything!”

Come on, it seems that Ortlinde-sama was the same as always. I am a gentleman, okay? I will never do that perverted act outside of my imagination at all!

“Linde-onee-chan, what do you mean by sneaking mission? How does a person obtain the victory loot?”

“Ah—... it means infiltration mission... well, it’s something like a cat burglar. Listen properly. Rossweisse, you must never become one okay?”

“Okay! I will never become one since a cat burglar was not something good! Sei-kun, it’s also not good for you to become one okay? If you wanted to become one, then you should come to my room as I will prepare the victory loot properly.”

“Ha ha, I will if the opportunity arises...”

It seems that Weisse was not able to comprehend it, despite of that, she had said some bold statement. Once again I had realized that there was only a thin line between pure and chaos...

“Huh~? Pork-chan, you’re here. Was there any chance that you were interested with our previous discussion~”

After hearing our noisy voice, the fourth sister, Waltraute-sama came down from the third floor. Unlike Ortlinde-sama who just came back from her mission, it seems that Waltraute-sama was off duty.

“Waltraute-sama. If it was regarding the bra and panties, I’m sure that we had gone through it already.”

“A~h, that’s right... what a pity~”

Yup, I’m also feel the same way. If we didn’t any encountered any error and accepted it, I am sure that I had become a complete set of Waltraute-sama undergarment at this moment...

“What? Hold it, what’s with this, to think that Sei had come. It was the correct move since I was able to finish my mission quickly by taking Gerhi-nee-san challenge. ...By the way, Sei, putting aside the grimoire that I mentioned previously, I actually had a magic item that I wanted you to transform right away but”

“Wah!? Si...Siegrune-sama, you too close!”

This time, I was carry by Siegrune-sama, who appear all of a sudden, and she got close to my face. After I had pointed that out, she screamed and tossed me. Then, I made a touchdown after drawing a parabola while obeying the law of gravity. Despite of that, instead of the hard ground, I landed on someone arms.

“Okay, I had got it! To think that I managed to get Sei when I skipped my task once in a while!”

“No, I sure that you always skipped your job!”

I had no idea what do you meant by once in a while, Helmwige-sama. It impossible for a truant heaven-sent child to be capable of manipulating the information.

Come on... I wonder how long will this situation goes on. Ever since I transformed into Brynhildr-sama sacred weapon, I had suddenly become very popular among the Valkyries. On top of that, since I had demonstrated that I was able to transform into Brisingamen, Freya-sama had participate in this tug of war...

The flirting plan that I came up with to obtain the tail feather of that perverted rooster, Gullinkambi had become a reality without any effort needed. I am sure the me at that time didn’t believe that it will come true.

But—putting aside my hidden desire, I am quite happy that I am having these dialogue.

Even though it was quite depressing from this morning but it seem that I was finally able to enjoy my daily life. It seem that the Valkyrie had always helped me whenever I was facing any difficulties.

“...Hold it. What do you meant by you had got it, Wige-nee-san? Let me be frank here, Sei **belong to me**. So please return him to right away.”

“Hu~h? I can’t ignore that, Siegrune. When did Sei belong to you? I will use him in a wise way so you should just observe while remaining silent.”

Huh... what... it seem that thing doesn’t look that good now. If this continue...

“Both of you, that is not good, okay~? Even though Onee-san was trying her best to hold it but I will not let you to hog him all by yourself.”

“That... that’s right! In the first place, Sei-kun was not an object, so it a bit rude if you treated him as one! Thus, I will never **hand him over** to all of you who was having that thought!”

While lecturing both of her sisters, Weisse snatched me from Helmwig-sama hand.

Wait... hold it Weisse, I appreciate your feeling but this...

“Hm... were you trying to hog him while acting like a good girl? I am proud of having a well-mannered younger sister but don’t you think that you had overdone it this time?”

“I never expected that I would heard this from Rossweisse but... it seem like I am unable to let my guards down at all. Hand him over, Rossweisse. I am sure you were aware of it right? That my lullaby... was not that soft at all.”

In that moment—the surrounding atmosphere was getting heavier. Then, I saw Helmwig-sama holding a giant hammer.

“Oh? This had become quite interesting. We, sisters are prohibited to kill each other for serious but... it seem that you weren’t able to suppress your killing intent once you took out your sacred weapon.”

“...hey, four of you, please stop it. I beg of you... can you please don’t make Onee-san angry?”

Inclusive of the two person who was outside of the conversation, everyone

was preparing for the battle. While holding each of their weapon, they stood at a suitable distance between their opponents.

Hold it, this... is this... not a joke? Were all five of them plan to fight for serious? In the first place... will this matter be solve by fighting...?

No... that was not it. This was all wrong. That was because there was no way that the friendly Valkyries sister will point their weapon at each other for such a foolish reason.

I am pretty sure that this meaningless battle—was started due to my curse.

“I... om the second thought, I shouldn’t be here at all!!”

“Ah, Sei-kun!?”

After I escape from Weisse arm, I dash out of the Valkyrie form ‘Vingólf’ with all I got.

I felt the obvious strong killing intent started to become weaker as I increase my distance between them. That was right, these ridiculous fight can be avoided as long as I am not around. I must not let a fight to occur due to my selfishness.

I had finally realized it. I am able to comprehend it now. That I don’t have a place to return to. I – must be alone no matter what.

“Everyone... thank you for everything...— and goodbye.”

The feeling that was holed up in me up until now had finally become tears as it flow out of my two eyes.

I dragged my leg and walked in a nearly tripped way while thinking about this.

That if I had to endure this sadness... then it would had been better that I remain as a ring instead.

It would have been better... if Saehrimnir didn’t exist at the first place—

After that—I continue to loiter in ‘Asgard’ as I felt that I am suffocating no matter where I am.

“Brynhildr-sama... Loki... I’m sorry. It seem that I was unable beat my curse after all.”

I don't even know what both of them are doing now. Even if I knew, I can't ask them for help. I can't get close to my dearest person... as this was how the curse function.

I wonder how long has it been since I started loitering. After I realized about it, the sky was dyed with scarlet red and I saw a huge rainbow in front of me.

"This was... 'Bifröst' wasn't it."

The rainbow bridge, 'Bifröst' that connect the god realm with the human realm. I see... since this was located at the most southern part of 'Asgard', it seem that I had keep walking toward the south.

The most southern part of 'Asgard'. I stood near the borderline and looked down.

"If I was able to die by jumping down... I will not hesitate to jump. Ha ha, it pointless. If I were to do that, I will just be revived back no matter what."

That right, it certain that I will revived. The true identity of my 'Gullveig' was not a convenient ability that allow me to become dinner every night. It a curse ability that will killed it target even if it had die.

As I am unable to die... I had no choice but to remain alone forever...

"Hey."

"! Who... who were you!?"

At the peak of my despair, I turned around as I was called out by a threatening voice. Once I do that, the one who stood there was the watchman of 'Bifröst', Heimdallr-sama.

"So, it was the boar. Judging from that soot brown fur, you are Saehrimnir right?"

"That's right but... please don't surprise me like that, where did you pop up from?"

For god sake, why did he appear out of nowhere for today? I once saw him coming from the opposite direction of the bush he was hiding in but... if that was the case, it mean that his house 'Himinbjorg' was in the direction.

“Loki once said this before. That my value was low in the current state where the need of surveillance was low. Even though I was doing my job properly, no one was willing to acknowledge me— that’s why I realized it. That as long as my house was over there, I am able to do the surveillance job *etc.* while I remain in my house...”

“I see. That’s mean that Heimdallr-sama had become a home security.”

I actually was not able to think of the reason for this. Since Heimdallr-sama had an excellent sight and hearing, it was not necessary for him to stand in front of the bridge at all. This time, after hearing my footstep from nearby, he came out of his house to check on the situation.

“Were you alone? For what reason, did you came here at this time? I am sure that you were the ‘Valhalla dinner’.”

Instead of interrogating me, Heimdallr-sama was just asking me. But the current me was able to sense something more serious from that.

“I was trying to pamper my disciple who was acting as my replacement right now... While I was walking aimlessly, I had come here before realizing about it.”

“I see. It seem to be a good exercise.”

Well, that is true in a way but somehow... I had thought of this during the trouble with the concert but instead of being special, it seem like it was hard to read his thought at all.

“You... did you just thought that you can’t read my thoughts?”

“! How... how did you knew?”

It was quite unexpected, to think that that Heimdallr-sama had just hit the bullseye. Even though I am unable to read his thought, that doesn’t mean that he was not thinking at all right?

“I was frequently told that my mind can’t be read. But to me, that was just none other than an absurd argument. That was because I always don’t think about anything.”

“Come on, let’s think about that.”

“It impossible. I am incapable of thinking. I don’t even know the reason for

that as well. Moreover, I didn't even bother to think about that in the first place."

Ah—... in another word, his brain was always like a blank paper. Come to think of it, unlike the others, I was able to hold a normal conversation with him, maybe he was really not thinking about anything at all. If he did not had any desire thought from the beginning, then it make sense if he was not overcome by his greed.

"In that case... had you ever thought that you want to know the reason for that?"

Heimdallr-sama shown a blank face toward my question. Then, without even moving his head, he looked down toward quietly and answered.

"I am aware of the reason. Even if I don't think, others will informed me on their thought. So, I will just obey their thoughts."

"But... what if their thoughts was wrong? Then, doesn't it mean that Heimdallr-sama will also make a mistake..."

Heimdallr-sama remain his blank face toward my question. Then, without even moving his head, he looked up toward the sky quietly and answered.

"In that case... I will make the mistake."

"!"

Was there any chance that this person... instead of being incapable of thinking, he just choose to not to think at all.

Heimdallr-sama traits enabled him to see further than anyone and to hear more information than anyone. As he had gained a large amount of information from his trait, he was unable to determine the right decision. So, he choose to stop thinking as he was aware of how wearisome it was...

"That was a bit wrong."

"Eh?"

"I am just lonely. As long as I am unable to live on my own without relying on others thought, I will always yearn the presence from others. Since I had a position that won't allow me to leave here thoughtlessly else... to be honest... I

actually don't want to be alone.”

For some reason... did Heimdallr-sama read my thought just now? Or was that really Heimdallr-sama true feeling...

“Saehrimnir. Sometime it good for you to discard your thoughts and seek for help earnestly. So, it almost time for you to return to your friends' side. You... shouldn't desire for solitude. You should live together with your friends. As I am unable to do that even though I desire for it... so you should do it on behalf of me as well.”

After saying that, Heimdallr-sama lifted me up from my side and placed me toward the north. Even though my body become stiff as I was being touched, Heimdallr-sama put me down on the ground even the slightest greed.

So—I started to dash forward after I made my decision.

I might be a hindrance to everyone. I might cause problems that cannot be undone. But... still. That was the place that I belong to.

Thus, I continue dashing in that manner for around three hours. Then, my vision was faintly fill by the light that came from the visible ‘Valhalla’ building.

Look here... see it for yourself, Saehrimnir. Wasn't it exactly like what Heimdallr-sama told you?

“Hey~! Sei-kun~! ...he not here also. Where exactly did Sei-kun went...”

I not sure how he knew that I had run away from ‘Valhalla’ as the Chef Head was searching for me in a worry state. I was able to saw Heizu appearance who was beside of him.

“Se-tan... he was trying to run away as if he wanted to make himself disappear when he was in front of Heizu. He was being extremely unfriendly. It just like he... does not plan to return to ‘Valhalla’.”

After sensing that from my manner of speech, the one who became worry and informed the others right away was Heizu. It seem that she really would not overlook any slightest change in me.

“I had finish searching in the farm! I can confirmed that he was not there! Argh~, Oshishou-sama, where exactly did you went~!”

It seem that Ikusu had once again become worry about me. I am sure she was not worry as my disciple only. I am able to sense her worry thoughts from her heart through her scream.”

“Old man Witige! I had search every nook and corner of the practice field! There was no boar at all!”

“I see, thank you for your effort.”

“Witige-dono, I had searched for numerous times already but it seem that he was really not at the main building also.”

“Okay... I’m sure that you didn’t overlook. Sei-dono... where had you wander to? If only I was able to realize your problem this morning, then I might be able to help you... I felt so pathetic.”

It seem that Witige-san make use of his leadership to mobilize the Einherjars to search for me. Since it was quite late right now, I am sure that the Einherjars had yet to have their dinner. I feel quite sorry as they were searching for me while being hungry.

“Sei—!! Where were you~!! Please allow me to apology on behalf of my sisters for their misconduct! That why please come out from hiding!!”

The one who was shouting from the sky was Gerhi-sama.

Even though she did not done anything bad... no, even though her sister did not done anything bad, she was still looking for me desperately in that way.

“Sigh... he can’t be found in the library also. I had a pretty good feeling that he was no longer within ‘Gladshheim’ anymore... Grimgerde, was there any result from your servant?”

“Eh...um...Ah...wait for a moment Schwerte-nee-sama! My wan-chan had just caught two boars...”

“What did you said!? Wait... two?”

“Release... release me! Let us go, dog! I am Gullinbursti! I am totally different from Saehrimnir, our body build and body tone was quite unlike in the first place!”

“It hurt, I said it hurt! Putting aside the body build and body tone, our gender

was different! Were you okay with any boar!?”

Tsk tsk... it seem that the boars that Grimgerde-sama servant caught was the gold and silver boar instead. No matter who see it, they were a totally different type of boar from me. Even though they took the efforts to look for me, to think that they had encounter such misfortune...

“Ah, I’m sorry, please forgive me! It true that Sei-kun was a bit smaller and he doesn’t had such fine mane also...”

“That’s right. Sei-dono was more plain-ish... no... he had a much darker colour...”

Both of you, let us not get carried to extreme. And it time for you to stop this conversation about the mane.

Putting that aside, I am aware that the last person meant no harm but... I am quite happy for this. Everyone was considering about me, worrying about me as... they continue to call out for me.

They might be doing this and that because their greed was increased by the curse of the ring. But... even if that was the case, I still want to be together with everyone else. I will return to ‘Valhalla’... where all my precious friend were at!

I took a step out from the bush that I was hiding in.

...huh, what happen? Sei. Move further. You won’t be able to reach everyone if you only took one step.

Don’t hesitate. Don’t be scared. You need to go over there... where everyone was waiting. But...

“...What... happen...”

I had make up my mind. I had firmed my decision. Despite of that... my body would not move.

—if I were to join that circle, I am sure that everything will be lose—. My thoughts alone was not enough as fear had stole the freedom from my body. In the end, there was one obstacle... that I was unable to overcome.

Despite being this close... despite calling out for them... it was unable to reach them.

I am here. Realize it... someone... please... find me...!

“Okay. I found you, Sei-san.”

“...eh...”

In that moment— the kind warmth surrounded my body that was frozen by despair.

The warm hand. The warm voice. The warm heart. The person that I had waited for long time had... all of those.

“Bryn...hildr...sama...?”

“That’s right, it Brynhildr. It was good that... I was the first one to found you.”

While saying that, Brynhildr-sama put a little more strength in her arm that was hugging me.

I had always pretend to be tough... but this reserved feeling of me had broken free.

“Argh... Uwaa.. Uwaaaa—!”

I was unable to stop my tears. I was unable to stop my thoughts. I was unable to stop my weak voice from coming out due to this sadness.

“Why must I be Andvaranaut! I don’t want anyone to be misfortune! I don’t want to kill anyone! I was not cursed at all, I had always pray for this! That the world will remain at peace and everyone can be happy! Despite of that, why was it only me, why was it always me... was it bad for me to have this thought...!”

I was not blaming anyone. But... I can’t stop cursing myself.

Brynhildr-sama was just listening to me quietly and told me while in tears.

“I’m sorry, Sei-san... I thought that you were able to overcome the curse... to think that you were suffering and drive into a corner by the irresponsible expectation that I push to you... It was not only you who must overcome the curse. Everyone living in ‘Asgard’ must overcome it.”

Brynhildr-sama apology reached my chest.

After hearing that, the silence from everyone had stain the world.

“I am amazed that you were able to do your best alone, Sei-san. Please leave the after matter... to me.”

After saying that reliable statement, Brynhildr-sama headed toward ‘Valhalla’ while carrying me.

Then, the smiling Loki, with a bit tears in his eye, was there. But... behind of him was the appearance of Odin-sama who was shrouded by the grim spirit.

Odin-sama said this. While piercing my heart with his deep voice which was like a distant lighting and the cold single eye.

“...I had heard everything from Loki. I was surprised, Sei. To think that your true identity was... a curse weapon that was send to ‘Asgard’ just to kill me.”

After hearing to Odin-sama, a commotion was caused by those who were not aware of this fact. But the commotion stopped right immediately after Odin-sama raise one of his hand.

“The method to avoid ‘Ragnarok’... that was my task. Do you understand the meaning for that? Boar.”

While asking me his true intention, Odin-sama took out his God Spear, Gungnir out of nowhere. The tip of the spear was fixated quietly between my eye brows.

“I will eliminate any threat, no matter how small was it, that desired my ‘death’. Without the cleverness, it was impossible to become a Chief God. No matter what others thought was.”

“! Hey... that was not what you promised, brother! Stop it...!”

Loki jumped out as it didn’t go according to his plan. But before that the spear had already— stopped right in front of my eye.

“Calm down. I won’t punish Sei.”

Odin-sama face had returned to normal. Um... that means...

“There was no crime and punishment. As it was an undeniable fact that Sei revival ability had help us for numerous time during the critical time. Moreover, it will be a trouble if I am unable to rely on your ability in the future. That’s why... I will break your curse. With all my force.”

After Odin-sama said that, with a single swing, the glory tip of his spear pierce through the sky.

“I, the Chief God, Odin hereby order all the resident of ‘Asgard’! The one that create the ring and placed the curse that killed it owner on it, the Dwarf,—”

When the spear was lifted downward, the end of the spear had caused the ground to rumble.

In this moment... the God realm, ‘Asgard’ had become one by the sacred declaration.

“—Andvari, search for him!!”



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Chapter 6 – The color of the assassin dagger strategy

The bright morning.

During the time when the Goddess Sola-sama was facing toward the east sky as usual while carrying the sun—all the resident of 'Asgard' was once again gathered at 'Valhalla big practice field'. Under the leadership of Odin-sama, the operation which was known as 'Andvari capture operation' and its content was explained to everyone.

It was literally just like the name which this was an operation to capture the Dwarf, Andvari that had casted the curse to kill its owner on me, Saehrimnir—also known as the magic ring, Andvaranaut.

“Based on the creator of the curse, Mardoll, it seems that Andvari, who casted the curse himself, might have an idea to undo the curse. As this was something like his personal curse since he had created it by himself. Thus, the only one person who can undo the curse was... Andvari himself only.”

This was the summary from what Mardoll-sama had told us previously. After Loki had exposed everything he knew, now everyone, who had gathered, possessed the same level of information.

“This fellow was hiding somewhere in the nine world while waiting vigilantly for the day that the curse from the ring he send—which was Sei... to curse Odin. But by chance, we were able to found out Sei true identity before that happen. Thus, now... it our turn to retaliate. In order to do that, we have to rely on everyone who had gathered here.”

“Okay. In another word...this was more like a ‘human wave assault’ was it?”

“You quite observant, Frey. As expected of the guy who was known as the Vanir proud military god. ...It just like what Frey mentioned, we have the advantage in terms of numbers. Since we had no idea where he might be running and hiding, we had no choice but to search recklessly and leave no stone unturned.”

This exhaustive search operation... might not so effective as it will be quite time consuming. But we have no other methods than that as we had no idea where Andvari might be hiding.

It was fortune that we had the members that was prepared to face the ‘Twilight of the Gods’ (Ragnarok). In another words, this might be an operation that suited us the most.

“By the way, based on the information from the watchman of ‘Bifröst’, no dwarf appearance was spotted in the surrounding of ‘Jötunheimr’. It was quite reliable as he has a keen sight. If we were going to search for him, let focus on places other than ‘Jötunheimr’. Then, do remember that ‘it is darkest under the lamp post’. The first place that I had started to search was here, ‘Asgard’.”

I see. Since we were the resident of ‘Asgard’, we were the one who had the most information on the internal affair of ‘Asgard’. Thus, we should have doubt when we had the assumption that ‘it shouldn’t be here’.

“So search thoroughly. In fact, it was already quite a challenge for us to find Sei only when he had disappear for a while yesterday. This might be a boring job but... will you lend us your strength?”

While saying that, Loki looked toward Thor-sama who was digging his ear in the front row.

As it was the role and also the belief for the war god, Thor-sama to bury all his rampaging enemy magnificently. So, his motivation toward this was something that was worth to be curious about....

“Hmph! There was no need for you to say such boorish statement, Loki! As Saehrimner was already my pal! I don’t care whether it boring or not, I am more than happy to lend you my strength!”

“Tha.... Thank you...!”

Oh, I didn’t expect Thor-sama to be this motivated at all. After he hit his chest with a force that can make a gorilla to feel ashamed, he raised his trademark war hammer (Mjölñir) up.

As I am your pal now, isn’t it time for you to remember my name properly already...?

“Hey, Sei-dono. I might not be much of use but please don’t forget about me, the military god, Tyr. It had been a while since we last met during Thor-dono lunch party but our bond was not that weak as we had already exchanged our story of valor. Heck, I was planning to come here on a big boat! Ha haha!”

“Th... thank you, Tyr-sama, it was quite reassuring!”

Yup. It was indeed quite reassuring. Moreover, unlike previously, the current non-drunken him was better. Despite that, it seem that his high spirited sober face remain unchanged but...

“Okay, everyone! As this was an operation that rely on numbers, we, the Valkyries team, will not lose at all! Let show them what we can do!”

“Yes!!”x9

After Freya-sama had gave out that command with her energetic voice, the Valkyries sister gave a salute in a perfectly ordered. With the guys being fascinated by the magnificent group in the corner, Odin-sama shouted loudly.

“I had high expectation on each of you. So... operation start!”

In order to undo the curse that was casted on me, and also to save me, all of the ‘Asgard’ resident become one and move out.

Unexpectedly because of me, all the facilities in the main building of ‘Valhalla’, the big farm, the big practice field and also the library had been completely searched as of yesterday. In relation to the golden apple orchard, Idun-sama and her husband, Bragi-sama will take responsibility in searching there.

By the way, it seem that Odin-sama throne, ‘Hlidskjalf’, which was able to see all part of the world, had encounter an unknown magic interference and it was

unable to detect Andvari. Moreover, Odin-sama servant, the crow and the wolf was responsible to search the interior of the palace where that throne was located, 'Gladshheim'.

Since that the case, the only place left was...

"Ah, that's right! We had to conduct a search inside the Goddess Dorm, 'Vingólf' also! Let me go and provide assistance!"

"Hey, if it was that, then let me help out also!" (Loki)

"It pointless to keep standing here, why don't I accompany you?" (Odin)

The boar and the top two of the God Realm had reach an agreement joyfully. But our plan was immediately crushed by the voice of a squirrel that appear out of nowhere.

"Um... gentleman, it a bit sudden but that was not necessary at all. Since I had patrol every corner of 'Vingólf' in a daily manner. I had check from the bedroom until the shower room and there was not even a single mice let alone anyone suspicious. He he."

"Aren't you the most suspicious one, you damn squirrel!!"x3

Cursed you, Ratatoskr. I can't believe that we were able to be in sync without any prior rehearsal. I don't think that there was any animals in 'Asgard' that can experience something better than this...

Putting that aside, after we had made a blood fest out of Ratatoskr moderately, the only place left was Thor-sama mansion and the vast plain where we fought the rebellion army that was led by Beruze, 'Vigrid'. After that, the remaining place should be my hometown, 'Forest of Ida weld'.

There was no problem with Thor-sama mansion as we have a work forces that won't lose to the Valkyries but 'Vigrid' will be quite troublesome. That was why, we will leave it to the Einherjars to conduct the search there.

No matter how vast 'Vigrid' was, there should not be any problem as the Einherjars were consist of more than two hundred thousand people. Time will be the only problem for this. Then, about the forest in my hometown, I had actually completed searching the area as I was bored when I was still living with

my parent...

In the end, it seem that Loki theory of it is darkest under the lamp post was a vain attempt. With the conclusion that 'he really was not in 'Asgard'', we had ended our search in this short while.

Since it had become like that, it time for the phrase two of the operation.

"Everyone, thank you for your effort. After we had took a short break, I plan to expand the search to outside of 'Asgard'. The Einherjars will cross 'Bifröst' and began searching in the human realm, 'Midgard'. Even though I had created it myself, their land was much bigger than 'Asgard'. So, it will all depend on your action. Although it was your hometown, you must remember to remain vigilant, understood?"

After receiving the order directly from Odin-sama, the Einherjars made an energetic war cry as a response. I am not sure whether this dwarf searching task was worth it or not but this was the first time that they receive a task other than the daily practice. Because of their joy, the word 'fatigue' had completely disappeared from their body.

It was a bit imprudent to say this but I am quite happy as they were able to contribute in such an unexpected way. If only that Beruze was able to endure it for a bit longer... while I was being a bit sentimental, Chef Head unexpectedly called out to me.

"Sei-kun. Actually the kitchen staff and I will be accompanying the Einherjars-sama."

"Eh, is that the truth?"

"Ya, it a direct order from Odin-sama. That why, Sei-kun, I will leave Heizu-kun in your care."

"No... if darling was going, then Heizu will go also. Since Heizu won't be of use to Se-tan, if Heizu just sit around and do nothing."

"Oh, if that was the case, then let me join you too! I am able to supply the search team with water where the effectiveness and the quality was 5 times than the usual!"

“Heizu... and also Ikusu... I am in your debt...!”

The warmth kindness from everyone had started a full force assault at my tear duct a few moments ago and it hurts a lot. As I should not keep crying, I send everyone off with the greatest smile that I can make.

“Okay, —next was the Valkyries team, I want to request all of you to search ‘Vanaheim’. I heard from Ratatoskr about this. That some of you had managed to sneak into their land previously for the sake of helping Sei. If possible, do remain as quiet as you could... okay.”

“Yes, we understood, Oji-sama! Ortlinde, I will rely on you to use the same magic when we sneak in, okay?”

“Roger. ...um, Sei-shi.”

“? Yes?”

I wonder what the matter was. Then, Ortlinde-sama suddenly turned around and looked at me seriously. After a moment of the silence eye-contact, she told me this.

“I see, so this was greed...”

“Huh?”

“...There was nothing. Why don’t you finish your greeting with the others first?”

Just when I thought that Ortlinde-sama had averted her sight, she immediately withdrawn herself toward everyone shadow. At the same time, Gerhi-sama was standing right in front after she had pushed the others away.

“Finally! I am going to be the first one to do the greetings! Finally, this time finally...!”

Um... I don’t want to pour cold water on you but if we were to count Ortlinde-sama, then you were in second place already.... Let just put this sarcasm aside then.

“Sei. I am actually quite thankful for all the help that you had provided. So, of course, the first one who will find Andvari will be me. Do remember this carefully!”

“Yes, I had remember it. Since Gerhi-sama possessed the strongest wind among your sisters.”

“! Sei... yes, that’s right! For your sake, I will proof that I am able to surpass God Speed!”

Wait, hold it, and don’t surround yourself with Ruston Wind right now! I am fully aware that you were quite motivated already!

“For God sake, Gerhi-nee-san, you were quite agitated as usual... Sei, I am quite surprised that you were cursed but... I will acknowledge it. That explain why someone like me got attracted to you.”

“Eh? Siegrune-sama, did you got attracted to me?”

In that moment, the atmosphere of the surrounding immediately become cold. Then, the dense steam started to come from Siegrune-sama head as if there was really a difference in the temperature.

“Who... who!? Of course, it was a lie, it more like, I had no choice as it was an effect from the curse!? Did I make myself clear!!”

Okay...when I thought that she was frequently changing her excuses but, in the end, she gave her affirmation... Siegrune-sama, I know that deep down, you are quite honest.

At that time, Weisse mumble as if she remembered something when she heard the phrase, got attracted to me.

“Then, that mean... this feeling of mine might be love...? Hildr-onee-chan told me it was a cold but doesn’t this sound like Waltraute-onee-chan was saying the truth?”

The moment after she heard Weisse mumble, Waltraute-sama forehead started to twitch. It seem so scary!Even thought she was showing her usual smile but somehow I had a bad feeling about this...

“Hi~ldr~cha~n?”

“What... what the matter? I, I didn’t said anything at all.”

While being faced with the dangerous smile from Waltraute-sama, Brynhildr-sama, who was avoiding the topic by averting her eye and whistling (but she

was not whistling at all), was so cute. No, to be honest, I also did my best to coax her but... well, it seem that there was no need for me to mention that.

“Hey, Sei-kun. I will try my best to undo your curse as it was for my sake also. That was because I want to know whether this feeling of mine, was a lie, was the real deed, was it really love or was it just a cold.”

“...Okay. I also want to know it. Please do your best, Weisse.”

After I reply her, Weisse pat my head while showing me her smile. That smile of hers was quite different when compare to just now as I felt that it was filled with her strong determination.

“Ufufu... it seem that it will be quite interesting to an extent if it remain undo~ I am referring to Pork-kun cu-r-se.”

“Please don’t said such thing, Waltraute-sama. It good if I want to be pampered but yesterday, I was quite depressed.”

“I understand~ Onee-chan also, want to see Pork-chan true charm point. That why we had to punish the naughty child who casted that troublesome curse, right?”

Hold it, since it like this, I need to become a naughty child right away! I can’t believe that this day will arrive where I am jealous of Andvari.

“Eh... um... um... curse... if you cursed someone, there will be two hole...Oh! I... I had figure it out! I am sure that Andvari was hiding in a place where there was two hole!”

As expected it was Grimgerde-sama as she was the only person, which I can thought of, who was able to spout such nonsense suddenly. Although this person always have those unnecessary thoughts but it seem that she was being her usual natural air headedness.

“The place with two hole... haha, wasn’t that a nose?”

“That, that’s right! But, it impossible for a dwarf to enter a person nose regardless how small his body figure was... in another word, the answer was the place that was created from the first Giant, Ymir nose.”

“!! Inform the Einherjars immediately! To go to the place where I had created

it with Ymir nose which was... hmm, where was it again? Hm... I am unable to recall.”

Huh, Odin-sama had gotten so serious... Mmm... unexpectedly, it seem like her air headedness was something that even a fool can't do...?

“...By the way, Sei-dono. Had you ever heard about this sword, ‘Tyrfing’?”

“Tyrfing? Nope, this was my first time heard it. Was it one of Schwerte-sama sword?”

“No, it was not one of my sword. I heard that this demonic sword hold tremendous power but in exchange it will lead its wielder to destruction.”

“Wielder... destruction!? Then, Schwerte-sama, why were you mentioning something like this at this time?”

“Ah, I'm sorry. What I am trying to say was things like curse had already existed in this world. Even if Sei-dono was originally a cursed item, there was no reason for me to be afraid of you. That was all that I wanted to say. Of course, I did not plan to use this as an excuse if we were unable to undo your curse. So, there was no need to overthink about this.”

“Sc... Schwerte-sama...!”

The thoughts from Schwerte-sama who always think negatively, had properly reached me. The reason why I am unable to control my curse properly might be because of the sympathy that was caused from my negative feeling.

“Hmm... what was this, it seem that everyone was only saying good thing. Let me said this first, Sei, you were in a grave mistake if you were expecting something nice from me, okay?”

“Ahaha, I am fully aware of that, Helmwig-sama. That because I had no expectation from you in the very beginning.”

“It will be nice if you had some expectation from me...?”

It seem that Helmwig-sama was trembling gradually while holding back her tears. Huh? How odd, I was trying to say that to lower the difficulty, but it seem that I had lower her mood instead.

“Well, let put that aside. Sei. In order to undo your curse, I will not laze

around like always. To be honest, I am actually quite a powerful person, I especially dislike crybaby... so in order to avoid you from showing your crying face for the second time, I will—buried that tear of your forever.”

“ ...”

“Hm? What’s the matter, what’s with that reaction?”

“Ah, no, I was just waiting for the punch line only.”

“There was no such thing! There were time where even I want to look cool!!”

“I’m... I’m sorry!”

To think that even Helmwig-sama was willing to break her promise for my sake... somehow, it seem that I am really the world luckiest person.

“Sei-san...”

The last sister called out to me when I curled myself up as I was both happy and embarrassed.

This kind, as always, yet soothing, which was above all else, voice... belong to Brynhildr-sama.

“I will surely undo the curse that was casted on Sei-san. We might not be the one who will find Andvari but... I am sure that someone will be able to find me. Since right now, at this moment, our ‘Asgard’ will do our best for you.”

Yup... it exactly as what Brynhildr-sama said. That why, I will send everyone off without having a single doubt.

“I will leave it to you, Brynhildr-sama. The current me might not be able to do anything else but... I can surely wait. So, please don’t do anything reckless and I wish for your safe return.”

“Fu fu, you’re so strange, Sei-san. It sound like this was our final farewell. There was no need for you to worry as I will definitely return, so please wait for me patiently. ... okay?”

After noticing that I was using a serious tone, which was unintentionally, Brynhildr-sama told me that with a smile.

But, I wonder why...

The shoulder that hug me in the end—it was a bit faint but I am sure that it was trembling.

After I said my goodbye, the Valkyries team that was led by Freya-sama had finally left 'Asgard'.

Thor-sama, Frey-sama and also Tyr-sama split up as they headed toward the Elf country, 'Álfheim' and the Dwarf country, 'Niðavellir'. Even Heimdallr-sama, who was not supposed to leave his duty, was assisting the 'Midgard' search team.

In another words, the one who remain in 'Asgard' was Loki and I... and also Odin-sama only.

"Sigh... Hey Loki. Had you ever experienced such a quiet 'Asgard'?"

I asked Loki about this when I let out a sigh unconsciously. After Loki swing his head sideways while shrugging his shoulder, he told me the answer that I was expecting.

"Not even once. Even though I had lived here for a long time... this was my first time experiencing this situation in 'Asgard'."

It seem like that sentence had contain a bit of his astonishment. If the sworn brother had put it that way, I am sure that it was the first time for Odin-sama as well. Actually, even Odin-sama had let out a deep sigh.

"Sigh... I plan to remain Heimdallr to keep a watch on the Giants but... this time it was for the sake of Sei. Fu... the price for exposing our 'Asgard' for a momentarily danger, was quite high okay?"

"Argh. That... I will pay with my body... wait, doesn't that mean it will be the same as always?"

"Haha! That's right."

While stroking his beard, Odin-sama release a lively laughter. Then, that laughter was carry away by a particularly strong wind as it flew toward a distant.

But in that moment—I doubt my ear.

That was because I was able to hear another voice in the wind. Instead of the

usual bright and cheerful voice... it was an unfriendly voice.

“Seriously, this was quite laughable... To think that this ‘Asgard’ can be so empty. I am really grateful to you and Andvari.”

“Eh..? What’s the matter, Loki, what are you saying all of a sudden?”

Somehow that mumble of his seem like it was an act since it was lacking realistic in it. But I was able to realize it right away—that it was not an act, instead it was his **true** intention.

“Thank to you... I will enjoy killing.”

In that moment, Odin-sama had fallen backward. I saw that a seven branched sword was stab in his blood stained chest.



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“...Eh... wait... what? Odin...-sama?”

Hold it. What... exactly had happen...?

All of a sudden, Odin-sama was killed by the assassin dagger. Let me verify the situation first... the one who was standing here was Loki and me only. There was no one else.

Of course, I was not the one who stabbed Odin-sama. Then, who did it? I am quite certain that I heard this, ‘I will enjoy killing’. Which was said by none other than Loki.

Moreover, that sword... that was stabbed at Odin-sama chest, I am sure that I had seen it before. As I had actually hold it before, so there was no mistake that.

It was—Loki magic sword. That has a byword that belong only to Loki... ‘Mistilteinn’.

“Loki!? This was a joke right!? Odin-sama!!”

The moment when I recovered my sense, I quickly dashed toward Odin-sama while almost falling in the progress, to confirm his condition. But... it was too late. Without even having the opportunity to give out his death agony, he had pass away.

“This... this was a lie right... this can’t be...!”

My face turn pale immediately. Then, my mind was invaded by the

tremendous despair.

In the midst of that—I was only able to hear Loki laughter, which he was trying to hold back, clearly.

“Ku kuku...! It was long... it was really a long time. I had always waited for this moment. For this golden opportunity... where I can kill him easily without having any worry of being exposed and to be able to escape easily.”

“How... why...why...!!”

As my heart throbbed faster, I began to fumble on my words. But Loki remain calmer than anyone else, as if he was laughing at the flustered me.

“Why? Huh? What were you talking about? As my partner, I thought you had realize it, Sei.... Do you really think that I will become friend with a piece of shit like him?”

“...was that... wrong...?”

As I wanted to know his true intention, I looked into his eye and asked that. Then, what I saw was... a spacious abyss that was like the bottom of hell.

“Yup, you’re right. You are so right! This fellow! He had realized that I was being oppressed when I was still young! On top of that, he acted like he don’t care at all! Then, after I had made a small achievement, he suddenly offered me to be his step brother while embracing me, this was so funny!”

How... how could that... wait, hold it. That story he told me previously during the time when I had suffered a consecutive loss against Ikusu... I can’t believe that there was such a dark history behind it.

“He reap what he sow, after beheaded the God of Prophecy (Mimir), he kept all the medicine to himself so that he could live longer, which cause my sick mother to die! After being informed by that foolish prophecy, he forced my poor innocent sons to live in a state that was worse than death! I had cut Sif hair? Wasn’t it great that I didn’t beheaded her! Now that I thought of it, he should be thankful that I was merciful! Hey, wasn’t that right!!”

“...”

What... with those harsh sentence. If what Loki said was the truth then...

there was a valid reason for him have plan to kill the god.

But... despite of that... that wasn't such a good reason... for him to actually kill the god.

"Loki. Please stop it. It was fortunate that Odin-sama had ate my meat before, so he will revive after the sunset. There was still time for you to start anew... so let stop with thisvengeance, okay?"

"There was no room for discussion. It a pity but my vengeance will only start from now onward."

Start... from now onward? What does he meant by that? Was he saying that it was not sufficient for him after he had killed Odin-sama which he hate?

"It exactly as what you had said, if this continue, Odin will revived. That why I will kill the Sun Goddess, Sola-sama next. So, there won't be a second sunset anymore. Then, I will kill Thor. First, I will approach him from the back when he was tormented... by his father death, after saying my condolence, I will finish him off."

"Why... why would you do such..."

"Why? Of course! That was because all the shitty Aesir tribe shouldered the same sin! I will also killed Siv, and his child, heck, I will even killed Frigg. Barton, Vidar, Heimdallr, Tyr, Frey and Freya were also in my target list! I will kill all the Valkyrie without even leaving one of them!!"

"!!"

Just when I was remain silence... he went and said something he shouldn't!!

"Stop it, Loki! If that was your true intention... then I have no choice but to stop you!"

"Huh! Well said, as expect of my partner. So? How will you stop me? With your fond rune of mannaz? Even I will be in danger if you transform into Fenrir, okay?

"...Fenrir... I won't transform into that. If I use the appearance of your son, I doubt that you will be able to fight."

After he heard my reply, he stop laughing immediately. But, it lasted for a

short moment only.

“So, in another word, our battle had been decided. I am quite grateful for your thoughtfulness but... fine, let have fun. It was lucky that we are now in ‘Valhalla’ proud big practice field. If we were to go all out, then this was the most suitable place.”

Loki make a big leap backward after he kicked the ground lightly with his toes.

Then, after he had landed silently—we look at each other directly.

At that time—it seem like the world had ended.

It was like a fake curtain call of a performance... and it also the end of the friendship that I had always believe.

My mind was able to understand that. But... I am still unable to accept the reality right now.

“Hey Loki. I wonder how... it ended up like this.”

I asked my partner, who was standing at a distance, with my tremble voice. After asked by that, Loki closed his eye as if he felt sorry and remained silence for a short moment. But, he immediately replied after that.

“The reason was quite simple. This had been decided from the very beginning. Since it ‘fate’.”

It true that... that might be the case.

We had reach this conclusion as I am me while Loki was Loki. It seem that it will be pointless for us to rebel against it.

I wonder will we have a different ending if— we were able to start all over again?

(It too... late for something like that)

In ‘Valhalla’, that was located in the God Realm ‘Asgard’ which was governed by the Chief God, Odin-sama, two shadow was facing against each other.

The stillness had stopped the wind, and it seem like the time had stopped in this moment. The instance when our anxiety was at its peak, I immediately released the power that was sealed deep down inside.

“[...I worship you the skull of Ymir; Kiss his body. Now I ask for permission to expose the Divine Omniscience sacred matter. Make the color change, let encounter, departure, reconcile and solitary become a reality! The twenty rune of Futhark, mannaz!] The Greedy fellow! The one who shoulder the dark fear! My name was— ‘The greedy fallen dragon’ Fafnir!”

As if I was becoming the real thing, a massive amount of energy was rushing inside of me like a rampage dragon.

This fallen transformation was completed when I was covered by the ominous purple scale. Then, the king of illusion which was a personification of destruction and violent had made its appearance.

Currently, this king was wearing the ‘Helmet of terror’ which provide a solid protection as it was created by the Dwarf who had let the greed to take over him. Moreover, it was a curse equipment as it bring terror, which was the same as death, to those who saw it.

I am able to understand why I was able to transform into this. That was because this appearance was the really me. Moreover... this power was something necessary.

For me to smash the undesired fate.

“...it seem you were serious, Sei. Since you were like that, then I won’t hold back at all. Come get me, partner. At least let me kill you—with my own hand.”

After Loki took out the mistletoes branch from his pouch, it become a sword after he inserted magic into it. His group of swords, ‘Mistilteinn’ was floating in the sky and all of its tip were pointing toward me.

In that instant, a gust of wind was blowing in this quiet land. In this frozen time, a god and a dragon was facing each other. I gave out a roar after my wavering hearts was replaced by the determination of not letting any head start.

“This will be our first and last serious match! Let start! Loki!!”

“Come at me, Saehrimnir! I will make sure you will dead painlessly.”

After I hit the ground with my long and thick tail, my strong hind leg crush the

foothold and dust started to scatter. Against me who had plunge in in a flashy way, the trickster God had started to run around.

Loki's group of swords that was gathered at his back looked just like a wing.

The chilly yet shiny wing was now giving off spark as it was clashing against my claw!

So, this was the beginning. The development up until now was the same as previous when we had a battle for the dragon heart. At that time, I was immediately got beaten by Loki but... this time will be different.

This time, I will win and stopped Loki plan!

“!!”

After taking a deep breath, I stopped my breathing. After I had spread my leg wide enough so that it was able to support my weight, I responded to the attack from Loki sword without taking any step backward.

“Oh, what a nice response! It seem that I had underestimated you, Sei!!”

Loki shouted joyfully while looking at my fast slash.

Loki fighting style, which was controlling the numerous sword in the sky, was quite similar to the Wave maiden, Himinglaeva-sama that Brynhildr-sama fought previously. I might not be able to move as skilfully as Brynhildr-sama but I will try my best as I had saw an example for it.

After sharpening my awareness and reading the blood lust, I am now entrusting my life to my instinct and intuition. Then, I used my claw to deflect those deadly strike while I let my proud scale to protect against those feint and swing it away. The air that was sliced into pieces during that interval, the sparks that keep popping which irritate the sight, the sound of the sword clashing without any pause, these were the signal that started the rivalry battle.

Since we were evenly match in this super close offense—then!

“Haaa!!”

In that instant, I stomped on the ground with my right leg. Then, while the crevice was expanding, I was lifted up forcefully by the exploded ground, I turned my body and swing my tail up in the air.

The thunderous roar and impact from that that had distracted Loki. With a single side swing, one of Loki wing that was comprised of the group of sword was blown away which leave half of his body to become defenceless. I lowered my centre of gravity when landing and while rotating I release an upper blow with my left hand!

“! You quite good. You were quite different compare to the previous battle!”

This combination was a result from the broken defence. But Loki immediately form new Milstein and blocked it easily. On the other hand, my left fist suffered a severe injury from the blade that appear from the branch, so I immediately flap my wing and took some distance.

“Were you planning to run away!”

The one who was going on the offensive next was Loki. The swords, that were surrounding him, were thrust into the ground in a quick way as if it was scraping the land. That powerful strike from the swords, which observed the land as its sheath, cut off my left arm and send it flying.

“Argh!? ~~... it not over yet!!”

It hurt. It really hurt. But I will not backed down by something like this. The looping death and the pain that I had experienced up until now had given me courage.

I flew up to the sky while blood was pouring out from my left shoulder. Then, I immediately change my battle style where I released the continuous breathe attack from the sky.

The breathe attack in my dragon form was a deadly poison as it was able to numb my opponentnerve and also stop their movement. Thus, this battle will be over once this attack hit.

“Your attack was too simple! I will knock you down right away!!”

But it obvious that Loki had taken accounted for this. While dodging my breathe attack easily with a smile, he used his proud magic and released fireball to retaliate.

As I was unable to avoid the consecutive fireball that was approaching, I

ended up getting burn by it. As my whole body was suffering from the burn, I doubt that I will be able to continue flying.

Even I understand that—these half-hearted attack won't help me to win. That why I am waiting... for the moment that my left arm will regenerate!

“Ohh!!

I turned my body around and fold up my wing in order to capture my target. While making use of the momentum from the fall, I used both my hand to aim toward Loki head and strike it!

“Ar...gh...!?”

The strike that gouge the land had spread in the practice field and all the windows and doors in Valhalla was blown away. It amazing that Loki was able to stand after taken such a strike but... I am sure that he took more damage than he had expected.

“Tch... I let my guard down. To think that your left arm was able to regenerate in this short time... I thought that it would be fine if it was a strike from one hand but it seem that I should had avoided this attack instead of taking it.”

“It look like you had made a wrong choice, Loki. Since I had acknowledge the existence of the dragon, I am now ‘the true Fafnir’. Moreover, the appearance this time was not mimicking as I had become a genuine dragon. I also possessed the trait to heal my wound, and I had already taken measure to protect my weakness which was the head and without the magic sword ‘Rigel’, you won't be able to penetrate my heart. After taking the above points, I doubt that you will be able to defeat me.”

The Great Hero, Sigurd-sama once said this before. That a genuine dragon possessed an immortal body. And I exactly like that now. That why... if we were to continue,

“Ku... kukuku...! Ha ha ha!!”

At that time—Loki suddenly laugh out crazily which cause me to be on my guard.

“What... what so funny, Loki.”

“Ku kuku...! No, it so funny. This was so funny. That because the magic sword ‘Rigel’... **I have it with me right now.** And it was ... all because of your cooperation!!”

“!”

Damn! The material hunt for sword of Ívaldi... to think that it had backfired at me at this time...!

“So... let end this right away, partner. Rest assured. That because after I had gouge out your heart— I will make sure to use it properly, okay?”

After feeling around at the base of his mantle, Loki took out a sword like necklace. But its appearance immediately changed into the dragon killer magic sword after he poured magic power into it. I thought it had ended after we had retrieved it from ‘Lyngvi’... that right. So that was where he had hidden it.

The moment when the sharp tip had fixated on my heart, I was able to feel an ominous aura coming from the blade. It was as if it was giving off a joyful cheer in front of its prey.

Damn... what should I do? How can I win against Loki? How can I stop Loki?

I can't win if I remained as a dragon. But other than transforming into Fenrir, this was my strongest form. I am sure of it now as I had fully understood the feature of Andvaranaut.

[...Are you sure of that?]

....eh...what was that...? Who... voice was that... just now....

[Can you stop it with that outdated information, original? I hope you will remember it. Even a fake has its own good point in their own way.]

This voice... are you saying it belongs to Falsch!? To think that his thought was still remaining... no, that's wrong. There was no possibility that such a convenient miracle would happen at this situation. As this was his memory which had become my possession after I had harmonised with him. While I was searching my memory for the hint to win, I happened to stumble across his dying wish. Moreover, I can't agree with him more than this.

But—I focus my consciousness in this hallucination that I heard. After I had

surpassed my consciousness, I headed to my sub-consciousness to link with that soul. Then... I am sure that I will be able to get my answer.

“I see... that right... Falsch.”

This open world— was one of the world that I knew. After I had gave my thanks to the shadow that was asleep in my memory, the tension of mine had started to fade away.

“Hey hey... what was this? Sei. If you lose your focus in this situation, it will be the same as a suicide act. Since you were not pleading for your life, then what were you planning to do?”

“What I am planning? ...that’s quite simple, Loki. I will create—a miracle.”

While saying that, I raised my right arm. After I close my eye, I supported my left hand with my right and widen my leg to shoulder length. I breathe out and in as if I am exchanging all my idle thought to life.

Then—I command it solemnly.

“Give off your shine... ‘Liebe·Strafe’!!”

After hearing my command, the thing that appear was a silver holy sword. The beloved sword that belong to the blue Valkyrie, Brynhildr-sama was now in my hand. No... to be precise, my right arm had become that.

Previously, Falsch showed me this—the ‘position transformation’ ability.

“What!? Impossible... to transform your right arm into a sacred weapon...”

Loki was doubting his eye as he was unable to accept the fact that was right in front of him. That’s right, I was also surprised when Falsch showed this to me. But... I am able to accept it now.

“Having a strong thought to become it. That was the key that support Saehrimnir super transformation. Moreover, it a bit weird for me to say this but I am an expert when it comes to Brynhildr-sama. As I had always adore her and had always watched over her. Thus... there was no reason for me to be unable to transform into her sword!!”

“...Ha ha... that amazing. In the end, it quite impressive that you were able to spout out such nonsense at such moment!”

Loki was dumbfounded while revealing a smile and he moved his sword backward slowly. While he remained the sword horizontally and kept it at his waist height, he begin his final chanting as all the power was gathered at the sword tips.

“[I worship you the skull of Ymir; Kiss his body. Now I require a response from the exposed behavior of a god that was constant and eternal.]”

He had made an oath sincerely to the father as the sky and the mother as the land. Those oath was spoken in a way that was befitted as a god.

“[To chant the mighty domination, to overlay the individual shadow that was born from the light, as a phenomenon of strength, wildness, instinct and rampage, as a symbol of initiation, tradition, blockage and liberation. The second and the twenty-three rune of Futhark... Uruz and Opila!]”

If the caster wish for it, the world will respond to it. The mystic power that was granted had surround the magic sword as a light.

“Let skip the tedious talk! This was my!! Full Strength!”

For god sake, Loki... Despite keeping such an amazing a secret and declaring that you not a fighter, there was a limit on lying. In that case, I—will display my confidence right now.

(Brynhildr-sama... please grant me your strength.)

I had started to overlap her heroic appearance that I saw from my sight and the memory that I carved in my brain. Then, I, as a dragon, focused my large magic power into the sword while being protected by the ‘Ruston’ wind that surge out from the armor where this was the true worth of the ‘God battle armor’.

“In order to annihilate my resentful opponent... God Technique— Panzer...”

Let it hit. My best... and all-out attack!!

“Strahl!!”

There was no need to hold back. As this was a clash of two belief from the two who were showing their ultimate trump card.

The destructive light clashed against each other while flickering fiercely. The

impact and the explosive sound interlaced each other and it was easily spread throughout 'Valhalla'. The damaged practice field and the half damaged palace. The moment when the scenery, that I was familiar of ever since I had come here as a food ingredient, was left in ruin—our battle had finally reached the ending.

“Argh! ... Was this... for serious, to think that.... I was...”

The one that had fallen to his knee was Loki.

He used the magic sword that was stab to the ground as a support and he spit blood while gasping. Despite of that, I also taken quite some damage.

“Haa... Haa... how was that! This was my victory, Loki! So, I hope that you will be obedient and surrender this time.”

I put on a brave front while spurring on my body which was on the verge of collapse. I not sure how Loki will respond to my bluff but he lifted his head up gently.

“Tch... me surrender? You were being too kind.”

After responding negatively toward my suggestion to surrender, Loki spitted out with an irritated face.

“Even though you said that, was there ever a good ending for these situation? Huh? ...Remember about this, during the Einherjars rebellion. I wonder what happen to Beruze in the end who had escaped after refusing to surrender. That's right, someone had—killed him right in front of you.”

“!!”

...stop it... don't said anything more than this. I don't want to remember about it.

I am Loki partner. Even if Loki was the God enemy, I will still remained as Loki ally.

No matter what type of crimes had Loki committed... I will always forgive you!

“It a pity but I won't surrender. As long as I am still alive like this. That right, let me made a declaration. **The brown boar, Saehrimnir belong to me, Loki!**”

?... why... Loki, why did you purposely said that?

What exactly do you... want from me after saying that...?

“Actually... I had planned to say this to the first one who returned here. ‘Sei curse suddenly went on a rampage and it had killed Odin. I want you to help me as I am also in a dire situation.’ When they let their guard down and turn around... I will kill him. Ku ku, it was so fun. I am sure the first to return will be —”

Loki stopped before he was able to finish his sentence.

As if he was trying. As if he was trying to stir up. After amassing all those ruthlessness ... Loki said this.

“—Brynhildr, I suppose?”

“Tch...Loki!!!!!!!”

That surrounding echoed with the shout.

I transformed into my human appearance and strangle Loki neck with both my hand.

The power that detest everything. The surge that hate everything. The black cursed sediment had taken appearance as it slowly engulfing Loki.

Loki was heading to a gruesome death which was the same as Beruze.

But at that moment—unlike Beruze, Loki had a calm expression—

“Sei... please forgive me.”

He muttered that... at the last moment.

Why... did he said that?

Loki, why did you apology in the end? You didn’t do anything to me at all. In fact, the one who killed Loki was me. Putting aside the fact that I had persuade Loki not to kill the Gods...in the end, I...

“I don’t understand... I had no idea what going on already!”

After I let go of my hand from the neck of Loki which had turned into ash, I fell to the ground.

Seriously... I don't understand about anything at all. The things I should do.... The things I can do and everything else.

"Then, there was no need for you to think at all. As all of this was something foolish."

In that moment, a voice that came from my back. When I turned around while my view was blurred from the tears, I saw an old man standing there.

At first I thought it was Witige-san but I had mistaken.

I knew that person—more than anyone in this world.

"...Andvari..."

After I said that, the old man made a satisfied nod and look downward. After looking at Loki who become ash and Odin-sama who was covered with the wreckage... he said this with the world most sinister smile.

"**And**, you had done a good job. No, it seem a bit complicated if I called you that. That was because your master was also And, now that I thought of it, I'm also And. So... Andvaranaut. "

"My master...? What do you mean by that... you... how much did you knew? How did you know that? How were you able to appear here out of nowhere?"

"Hmm... to think you were this talkative despite being a ring. I knew everything, even the events that occurred in 'Valhalla'. That was because the Eldhrimnir, that was send together with you, was used to investigate the affair that occurred in the God realm. It acts as my eye and also the gate for me to arrive here."

"!! That pot...!?"

I didn't even... had any doubt on that. The moment that we found out the creator of the pot was Andvari... it was given that the convenient function, that was packed in it, was not because it will make it easier for others to obtain me at all.

But... to think that he had created it after predicting all of this...

"Ku kuku... that's right. I am aware of everything. I am even aware that right now, we are the only one in this 'Asgard'. Even though Odin is dead, he will

revived at sunset as he had ate your meat. But... it was actually something convenient. That was because I won't be able to calm my grudge if I am unable to kill this guy with my own hand. It was nice that your meat had gave me this opportunity."

"...what do you plan to do with Odin-sama?"

"It obvious. I will carry Odin corpse away from here before those stupid Aesir came back. Then, when this world greeted the sunset... I will kill him once again. The revival point was next to the corpse right? I had even done the detailed investigation on it so that I am able to save the trouble."

"Do you think that... I will sit around while you were doing that?"

"Ah, now that you had said it. I am your creator. So, you won't be able to defy your parent. To begin with, that right... let undo that dangerous spell of yours first."

Andvari approach me slowly and grasp my head with his right hand. Strangely, I was not able to resist him at all.

"[The grudge was clear. Calm down your fury.]"

Those words reached the deepest part of my body and I was able to feel that something was cleanse from the inside of me. I see, I am sure that was the spell to undo the curse. Even though it had gave me a lot of trouble, I felt a bit taken back as it had ended... but now I am finally free from the curse that killed its owner.

Although this was something that I wished... I don't feel happy at all. I am sure that it was because I had paid quite a high price for this result up until now...

"Sorry to keep you waiting, Andvaranaut. Now, once again— you belong to me without any doubt. Once we had returned, I will love you thoroughly. Ku ku, kuku... kukuhaha!!"

The victory like loud laughter from the ring leader that caused all of this dissolved in the sky of 'Asgard'.

Even though the sunshine had tilted, there was still quite some time before the sunset. It obvious that those who were searching in the outside won't

return if no one called out to them.

What a perfect scenario. I was unable to do anything at all. So this was Andvari plan, will this be the end for the revenge plot...

“Hahaha... huh!? Hold it!! What was that...!?”

At that time. Andvari loud laughter suddenly change to a shout of surprise.

I, who has hanging my head, looked up toward the sky. In that instant, even I ended up with the same reaction as Andvari.

“What... what that!? Was this for serious, the sun...!”

—the sun was... flying at high speed—!?

Moreover, it was flying at an unbelievable speed. As if it was a shooting star in the starry sky, the sun had sunk toward the western horizon instantly.

Ever since I had arrived at the God realm, I had saw a lot of tremendous situation. But was there any situation that was more tremendous than this!? Wait, yes there was, it the continuous sunset. Ah, I understand, I had already understand it quite well. Okay, now I won't be surprised for the second time!

Then...I heard a voice when I had firm my determination.

“Ku kuku...! That's good. It was quite pleasant. Let's see... so this was how it felt **when one revived**.”

Ah... Ah... there was no mistake to it. It because I had already gotten used to this. How could this happen, even though I had already made up my mind to not get surprised at anything already.

“Sei, it seem that I had made you worry. But—we were finally able to find him.”

After that calm voice had call out to me, it undergone a drastic change. Then, it become a ferocious voice, as if it was a beast that captured it prey, and call out to it prey.

“Hey... upstart dwarf, Andvari.”

There was no need to confirm the voice owner. More like there was no need at all. That was because my eye was still filled with tears.

“Loki!? Impossible, the sun haven’t set yet, no, more like, it... shouldn’t had set yet.”

Andvari was unable to remain calm. His face was filled with fear and anxiety, then when his eye meet with a certain person, he froze up.

“So, you are the rumoured Andvari. It seem that you had taken great care of us. From back then... and even now.”

Odin-sama single eye pierce through Andvari as if was a sharp knife. That was quite an unpleasant feeling... as I had experienced it for a lot of times.

“Loki-sama! Did it went according as plan!?”

After that, the person who appeared was the extremely anxious Brynhildr-sama. No, it not only Brynhildr-sama. Following after her was all the resident of ‘Asgard’ that should be searching in the outside.

I supposed the trick that was used, to send everyone back immediately, was the rune of rad (teleport). Even I am able to figure that out. But to think that everyone came back at this timing...

“Once again, please let me apologize, Sei. Actually... **all of the events up until now** was all part of my plan, ‘The tactic to capture Andvari’.”

After approaching me, Loki patted my back.

Then, the **truth** of the whole plan was revealed by Loki.

“As expected, the method to save you completely, who was suffering from the curse of the ring, was to undo the curse. So, in order to do that, we had to drag out the only person who knew the method to undo it which was Andvari. Unfortunately... Andvari was quite an observant person. So, it was obvious that we won’t be able to find him that easily. Thus, I thought of this which was to get everyone, except brother, to leave ‘Asgard’ while they were **pretending** to search for him.”

Get everyone to leave... I see! That explain why he set up such a large scale search party!

“Did you get it? For Andvari, all the pest was gone and the only one left was brother which was his target. Well, I did stay behind but that was easily solved

as I had acted the role of a traitor. I feel sorry for my brother since he had to die once, but the culprit which was me had die also. That way, he was able to make sure that his target will remain still until the sunset.”

“Come on, can you please don’t said such a harsh word like die one that easily...”

“Sorry, but in the end wasn’t this a brilliant plan. The preparation for it was perfect and I was able to set up an extremely safe situation also. Well, that... it seem that I had pushed quite a difficult role to you, Sei since I had to die at all cost in the plan.”

“That right, that was horrible! What exactly did you wanted me to do!”

“Calm down, even I also encountered quite a difficult situation, for serious. But if I were to inform you about this act earlier, you will surely feel more calmed and mentioned something like ‘Let do something else as that seem impossible’. That’s why, you were the only one who was not informed about the true plan.”

Argh... I think that I won’t such said such thing but... he might be correct. As expected of my partner that I was proud of.

“... actually, the one that I had concerned on was the high speed sunset. I was not able to see it as I am dead but did it went as plan?”

While saying that, Loki look toward Brynhildr-sama for some reason.

“Of course. Else, we won’t be able to create such situation at all.”

Brynhildr-sama seem a bit proud when she answered Loki. After she saw my puzzled face, she explained gently to me.

“It the rune of ‘Ehwaz’, Sei-san. I had explained it for numerous time already, that was the rune of acceleration. If multiple person casted it, the effect will multiplied. Did you remember that we had recently used it to catch up with Heimdallr-sama who was chasing Loki-sama?”

“Yes, of course. The effect that was amazing since six people casted it at the same time... ah!”

That right! If that was the speed when six people casted it... then if more

people casted it...

“Ah, it seem that you had finally understood. That’s right, while pretending to head to ‘Vanaheim’, we actually headed toward Sola-sama. Then, the tens of us which consists of my sisters and me together with Freya-sama casted the rune of Ehwaz so that we can increase the speed of the sun.”

That explain it! That why we were able to experience an early sunset! The rune of ehwaz was quite tremendous as it was able to create such a convenient situation.

“By the way, this Ratatoskr here had monitored everything so that we able to achieve the specific timing when Andvari, which was our target, had appeared.”

When Brynhildr-sama hold out her hand horizontally, the brown squirrel made a backflip as it appear on top of Gerhi-sama palm.

“Ahem! How was that, Mr Sei! I had always done my job properly right? It not an exaggeration but I guess the MVP for the plan this time was me...argh~~!? Ah, wait, please forgive me for being too carry away~~!”

Whoa, Ratatoskr was being strangling extremely. Well~ it true that he had done his part this task so please go easy on him... am I also a savage since I can only said that in my heart?

“...as according to plan... what do you plan to do if I didn’t appear?”

Andvari said that out with a deep voice while being surrounded by the resident of ‘Asgard’. His question was answered by the creator of this plan, Loki.

“We will just have to change our plan if that happen. In the first place, we had no proof whether you were spying on ‘Asgard’ and to be honest, I can only said that there was a 50% chance that you might appear after we had done setting up the stage. But even if we proceed with this reckless plan, where we risked our life, and if it had fail, we will just come back to life thanks to Sei ability. We can redo it as many times as we want. That was how amazing Andvaran... Saehrimnir was. Right? Creator.”

“... Somehow... it seem that I had created a monster with my own hand...”

Andvari fell to his knee while he gave out a jeer.

(Monster... was it...)

That words cause my chest to ache. It frustrating but I can only bite my lips as I was unable to retaliate. But in that moment—the voice full of resolution from my beloved replied him.

“Please don’t call him a monster!”

That clear denial echo throughout the dawn sky. The one who said that—Brynhildr-sama eyes was filled with the flames of rage.

“Sei-san was not a monster! Even though he was kind and calm, he was also brave when he faced any difficulties. The courage that he displayed. The possibility that he showed us. If you were unaware of that... then you had no right to call yourself as his parent! Sei-san had already become... an irreplaceable friend of us!!”

Those sincere words of hers was assembled from her true feeling. Those word belongs not only to Brynhildr-sama. As it was the opinion of everyone that had gathered here.

My heart begun to throb faster. If I were to rephrase those words, I am sure—

“Andvari. You had casted the dreadful curse, which kill it owner, on me. The moment when I found out your plan, I also become scared. But... I had a different opinion now.”

“...Oh? Did you changed your mind, Andvaranaut? It a pity but you were cursed. You were a curse that was known as death. That was because I had created you so that you were able to become that.”

“That’s wrong. Even I, myself and all those who had supported me... did not acknowledge me just as a curse only. That was because... this dreadful curse had underwent a change at some point of time.”

I was urged by the unvoiced irritated opinion.

That why I said this while showing my greatest smile.

“... ‘Bond’. That was the thing that I had gotten from you, Andvari. Because of you, the bond between the ‘Asgard’ resident had gotten stronger. Thanks to you, everyone in the God Realm had managed to become one. That why I will

said this. Thank you.”

After hearing the unexpected gratitude, Andvari open his eye wide. Then when he shut his eyes, Odin-sama open his mouth while giving off a cough.

“That was true but let me make one remark. The one who cause our bond to become stronger was none other than you, Sei. Let me thank you on behalf of everyone here. You are no longer a weapon to kill the Gods. So, throw away your old name. As you were now... a member of the Aesir tribe.”

The statement from the great Chief God was followed by cheers and claps.

That was like a warm baby first bath as it washed the heart of the cursed me.

Ah—I see. I was reborn. I am no longer a ring that was created by someone nor was I a created boar.

I am Saehrimnir. I am none other than that. Because of everyone, I am able to remain here.

(Thank you very much)

As I had become too emotional, I was not able to say the desired words. Perhaps, nobody heard it at all.

I had to say it properly. With a loud voice.

“Everyone, thank you very much. From now on, please take...”

After gathered all the sight. After all the thoughts was gathered.

I want to let everyone know. That I am—filled with joy.

“Please take care of me... Saehrimnir!!”

That right. The first step from now on, will be the start of something new.

The starting line for the new me.

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Epilogue

“Huh!? Andvari was set free!?”

A few days since then—

When thing had calm down, after I had gave my thanks to everyone in ‘Asgard’ who had help me, I was informed by a sudden grave news.

Of course, the one who told me that was the number one informant in the God Realm, Ratatoskr.

“Yup, the source was quite reliable. That because I had seen and heard it with my own eye and ear.”

“The source, weren’t you referring to yourselves...”

In a way, I actually quite respect how loose his mouth was. Especially the fact that he won’t change despite getting into trouble every time.

“Well, let put that aside, Mr Sei. I am sure that you wanted to know the reason for his freedom right?”

“Ah, yes, please tell me! What exactly had happened?”

“He hehe. If you want me to say that, then I would appreciate if you would show me your sincerity first.”

“Sincerity?”

“Wasn’t it obvious? I am referring to the dogeza.”

1. I immediately responded to his request and show him my greatest

sincerity by embracing him. Then, as if he was unable to withstand my weight, he waved his limb and ended up losing his conscious like he had fallen asleep.

“Ah~ what should I do, since it like this, I won’t be able to the explanation. Let see, who else might know about this...”

“Yo! If that the case, I am aware of that also, Oshishou-sama! That was because I had heard it directly.”

At that moment, my disciple, Ikusu appeared out of nowhere. Somehow it seem that she had appeared at quite a good timing but... ah, that right, before she become my disciple, she was a passionate stalker. I am sure that she was hiding somewhere while looking at the situation quietly.

“Ikusu, don’t tell me that you had perform a dogeza to Ratatoskr?”

“Of course! There was no other greater pleasure than putting my forehead on the ground for this back flipping fellow. After I had transform into my human form ~like this, I perform the dogeza that I was proud of!”

Ah, it seem that she had gotten addicted to it... As she was a huge masochist, she might be happy but Ratatoskr, you should not think that this was a norm in the society.

“Well, that’s fine. So, why was Andvari set free?”

“Okay! Somehow, it seem that Odin-sama himself decided to let him go. In the past, it seem that it was the truth that he forcefully steal Andvari treasure and he even forgot to compensate him up until now, but no matter how I look at it, it seem that the one to blame was Odin-sama...”

Somehow it seem that Andvari was more pitiful than I thought. Other than me, I am sure that anyone else will also sympathizewith him as well.

“After Odin-sama had realize his own mistake, he said this. ‘Even though it was to lure you out, can we get to an agreement with each other on this as I had die once also?’ As Andvari had accepted that honestly, he was set free... so that the gist of it.”

Ikusu told me that while putting a lot of effort in mimicking Odin-sama voice.

I see... it seem that Odin-sama had changed a lot ever since the Einherjars rebellion incident. No matter what mistake had he committed, to think that he would easily forgive the mastermind that try to hurt him... I doubt we will get the same result if it was the previous him.

“It important that we forgive each other...”

I said that with a strong thought.

“!... this...”

At that moment—I was attacked by a certain instinct all of a sudden. I am not so sure what was this... but I am pretty sure about it. That—Andvari was standing at the entrance of ‘Valhalla’ right now.

“... I had to go...!”

As if I was urged by this mysterious impulse, I headed toward him. This was neither a curse nor was it fate. Perhaps this was—‘bond’.

“An...Andvari...-san.”

“...Andvaranaut. No... you were now Saehrimnir. I knew why you were here. Was there any chance that you were planning to send me off?”

I gave a nod toward the voice that enquiry me about that. Once I looked at him, I was unable to say anything at all as if something was stuck at my throat.

“...Can I pat your head...?”

Once again, I nodded toward that voice. Then, he bend his knee and patted my head. After that, he told me to listen to him quietly.

“I had just realized that... it was quite tiring to continue hating a person... But my life was full of hatred. If I didn’t hate everything, I might start to have doubt on my life. As I was unable to admit that fact... I had no choice but to continue my hatred against the world.”

“ ... ”

“A few hundreds year had passed since Odin stole you away from me. After time passed, you had finally return back to me. I believe that I had an option to undo the curse and live a peaceful live with you. But... somehow I am not satisfy

with it at all. The moment when I heard that 'Asgard' will experience a food shortage in the future from **them**, I thought of this. I had to kill Odin to clear my grudge, and in order to do that, I devised a scenario by sending you to the God Realm."

? Them... was it? What does he meant by that? Did it mean that it was not Andvari himself who predicted that 'Asgard' will experience a food shortage?

Since he mention them, then it mean there was multiple people involved. Who were them? For what purpose did those people told Andvari that?

"In the end, my plan failed and I was prepared to be killed. It sound like a good idea for me to become a curse after I had die. But... to think that I was set free. Normally, this was an impossible outcome. If I were to guess the reason for his change, then it might be exactly like what the blue Valkyrie had said previously. The possibility that 'you had shown'—somehow, it seem that I am able to see it now."

After he had said that, Andvari stood up slowly. While seeing me, who was unable to mutter anything, off, he told me something with his back facing me.

"I won't act like your parent at this point. But... I will give you a warning. Instead of that being an act to lure me out... Loki, the words that he said was the real deal. I am sure of it. That was why I believed in his act and came out."

Real deal... that?

I am sure that was a lie. Since that was his role as a traitor instead of his true feeling...

"It's up to you whether you believe me. But be careful. The grudge of his... was much stronger and deeper than mine. Weren't there already some fool that was caught in his lie? This was just my imagination but... I am not surprised if he **possess information that only he knew**."

...Information that only Loki knew.... something only Loki knew, a secret...? I don't feel like he was acting in a manner if he was in possession of that....

While I was lose in my thought, I lose track of Andvari appearance.

What with this... to think he leave immediately as if he wanted to disappear.

...I wanted to call him this... at least once in the end.

“Father...”

“Ah, were you feeling a bit lonely? Sei-san.”

“Huh!? Bry...Brynhildr-sama!?”

That surprised me, to think that she was beside me once I had realize about it. Actually... I had thought of this previously, but weren't there too many of this type of development?

“Brynhildr-sama, was there any chance that... you sneaked up this close to me on purpose?”

“Ah, it was finally exposed. He he, but it not like I did it on purpose every time.”

While saying that, Brynhildr-sama stick out her tongue in a mischievous way and laugh. Argh! Were you saying I was played by Brynhildr-sama!?

“Ah, I can't let down my guard at all. If that was the case, doesn't that mean the only places where I can have my delusion were in the toilet or shower room only!”

“Delusion... what were you referring to? Sei-san.”

“Ah, huh? Did I speak out loud just now?”

Damn! I planned to leave it as a monologue but to think that I had done it unconsciously! Was there any chance that this was Andvari curse... Wait, I shouldn't blame everything on the curse right?

“By... by the way, Brynhildr-sama. Why did you come here today?”

“Ah, I am on a mission. Odin-sama ordered me to observe Andvari from the shadow to see whether he will leave 'Asgard' obediently after he was set free.”

I see... even though his sin was forgiven, it not like he can be trustedcompletely. Regardless of how good a person was, it was still good to have some level of caution.

“Will it be alright for you to talk to me while you are on your mission?”

“It's alright. That was because some of my sisters were tailinghim. Actually I

asked a big favour from them to allow me to step out for a while. ...so that I can talk to you. Sei-san, was it alright for you to spare me some time now?"

After she asked me, I gave a big nod as expected.

After Brynhildr-sama saw that, she suddenly picked me up and move toward the tree shade. Then, after we had reached a suitable location, she put me down, sit down and remained silence.

"...? What the matter? Brynhildr-sama, didn't you had something you want to say."

It not like I was urging her but due to the uneasiness, I called out to her spontaneously. Then, Brynhildr-sama remained silence for a few more seconds before she opened her mouth.

"Sei-san, I...—"

It was like a whisper from the wind. The lips that were sealed tight due to the embarrassment. Those yearning eye sight... had informed me secretly and properly.

"—I like you."



“...eh?”

I ask her again unintentionally. That was because I don't understand at all.

“What I am saying was... I love you.”

Wait, hold it. That not it. It not like I was asking her again because I couldn't heard it. I hope that you won't look down on the sense of hearing of a boar.

But that was the point. I am a boar, no matter how you look at it.

Well, it true that I can transform into a human. As I am quite skilled with the rune of mannaz. As long as I have magic points, I will be able to maintain in that appearance.

If someone asked me how much magic point I possessed... let see, I am unable to said it for sure since I haven't try to measure it but I think it possible for me to retain in my human form for a whole day without taking in the sleeping time.

Ah, in another way, it seem that I am mostly human. As it was unexpectedly common for a God-human couple in the world, I am sure that there was no problem for this.

But... wait, that not it!! There was a problem! It full of problem!!”

“What... what were you saying Brynhildr-sama!! Were you alright!? Please think carefully, it me who you were talking about!? Can I really accept your feeling since I was plain and unmanly at all, on top of that, I keep saying that I was a gentleman but in reality I was opposite of that!?”

I shouted that on purpose so that she could heard it. As soon as she heard that, she showed a sad expression and said.

“...I'm sorry, Sei-san. It seem that I had troubled you...”

“Ah, that not it! I am not troubled at all! I am really happy about your feeling! I am so happy until I am able to accept 'Ragnarok' with a smile if it occurred right now!!”

I don't understand your example but... thank you. I am also very happy.”

Brynhildr-sama show a smile.

This was quite unbelievable... was this a reality? This was not a dream right? Ah, if this was a dream, then I had to express my feeling before I wake up!

Then, when I flustering—Brynhildr-sama continued her talk.

“But... I wonder whether this feeling of mine was real.”

“Eh...? What... what do you mean by that...?”

After hearing that sudden enquiry, I retracted my feeling of joy and become calm. While holding back the uneasiness that was increasing steadily within me, I waited for her reply.

“... Sei-san true identity was the magic ring, Andvaranaut. The things that was casted on that ring was not limited to the curse that kill its owner. You also possess the ability to increase people greed upon seeing you. The feeling that I had right now... was it really my true feeling? Was it really born from my own feeling?”

“...That...”

I wonder... To be honest, I am unable to answer that question also. No... I think that there was no one in this world who was able to answer that question.

That was because—it does not had any shape at all.

“Previously, I was cursed by Odin-sama. I did told you this before right? The curse that I had to marry the person who woke me up from my slumber. Moreover, love was not involved at all. After I was aware that there was fake love... I pledged that I won’t love anyone.”

With a bitter smile, Brynhildr-sama also mentioned that, she had locked myself in her room for a while ever since then.

I... was not aware of that at all. It normal that I was unaware of that but there was not even a slightest in her behaviour... no. I am sure that I had noticed that Gerhi-sama had become a bit worry for quite some time but... I thought that it was something like a good omen.

While I was remembering when that happened, Brynhildr-sama continued further.

“But all the pledge that I had made was always easily broken in the end. That day... the first day when Sei-san had arrived in ‘Valhalla’. My heart was melted... by your outstanding courage and dedication. I believed that, that was a real love. But... I had some doubt on it. That was because I was aware that you were Andvaranaut.”

So that was the trouble that Brynhildr-sama was facing right now. That was also an unresolvable reality.

“I am also scared... That the feeling that was sprouted in my chest was fake. Once I thought of that... I became scared. Sei-san... what should I do? How should I interact with Sei-san from now on...?”

“... It’s a pity... because even I don’t know the answer to that.”

I was unable to answer her. I was unable to prove her feeling also.

I am sure that the curse that was placed on me had been undone properly. Despite of that, I was unable to change anything.

I am the magic ring, ‘Andvaranaut’, the brown boar ‘Saehrimnir’ and also the ‘Valhalla dinner’ that fill everyone stomach. Up until now, from now onward, that was an unchangeable fact. Then—

I transform into my human appearance with the rune of mannaz as usual. After I kneel down in front of her who was hanging her head, I extended out my hand.

“Brynhildr-sama, I am pleased to meet you. Even if you don’t understand right now, I am sure that you will understand at some day. Before that day arrived— I hope you can always watch over me.”

“! Sei-san...”

Brynhildr-sama grabbed a hold to my hand while hesitating. Then, I pull her hand gently and stood up.

“Sei-san. I had... always watch you. When I was unable to see you, I still thought of you. From now onward also...I will also do the same.”

“Yes, please do so. I am sure the day will come... that a new feeling will be born and it was strong enough to replace your current feeling. I will also do my

best from now onwards also.”

—That was an early afternoon of a certain day.

The new pledge was formed between the two humans was carried away by the golden wind.

The both of us were willing to continue moving forward as if we were chasing that wind.

Toward the white future while we holding each other hand, stumble together and surpass it together.

Until the day came when our peacefulness was visited by— ‘Ragnarok’.

~Fin~

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Interrupt 5 enemy Heroes during a channelled spell.

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Across multiple victories:
Interrupt 5 enemy Heroes during a
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The difficulties of incanting with a broken face are
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